

Favorites

God's Favorites


Manasseh and Ephraim

- **God sovereignly chose Ephraim higher (Gen 48:14).**
- **And ... Abel over Cain.**
- **And ... Shem over Japheth.**
- **And ... Isaac over Ishmael.**
- **And ... Jacob over Esau.**
- **And ... Judah over Reuben.**
- **And ... Moses over Aaron.**
- **And ... David over his brethren.**


**What is your life goal
as a Christian?**



**What do you want
to give back to God
for His grace to you?**



**As your pastor,
what should my goal
be for your life?**

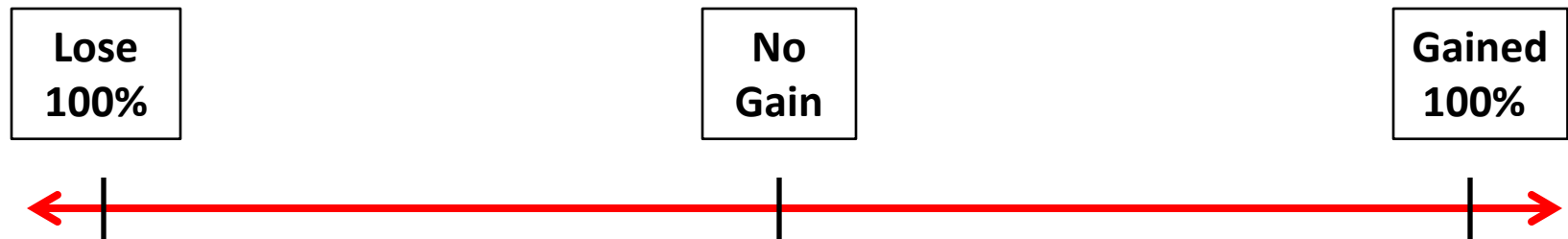


**We should have
the goals of being
God's favorite.**

Parable of the Talents/Pounds

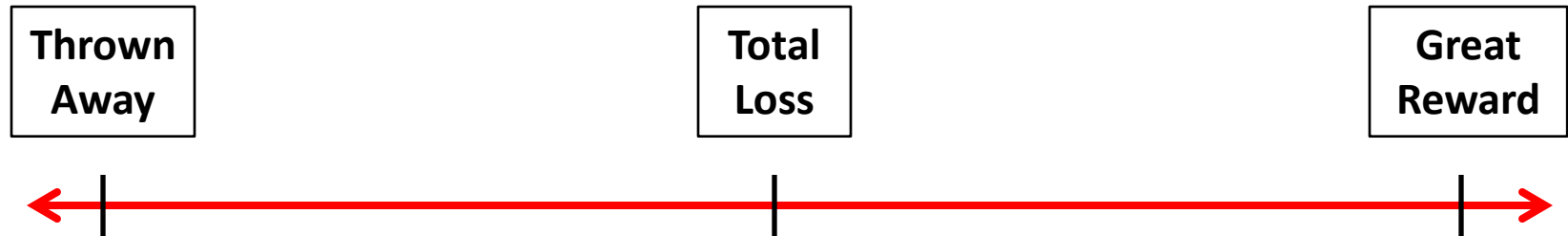
- **Jesus used it twice** (Matt 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27).
- **Both talents and pounds are ... money.**
- **God invested His grace in Jesus Christ in you.**
- **Is your return on His investment good or bad?**
- **Either great rewards ... or severe judgment.**

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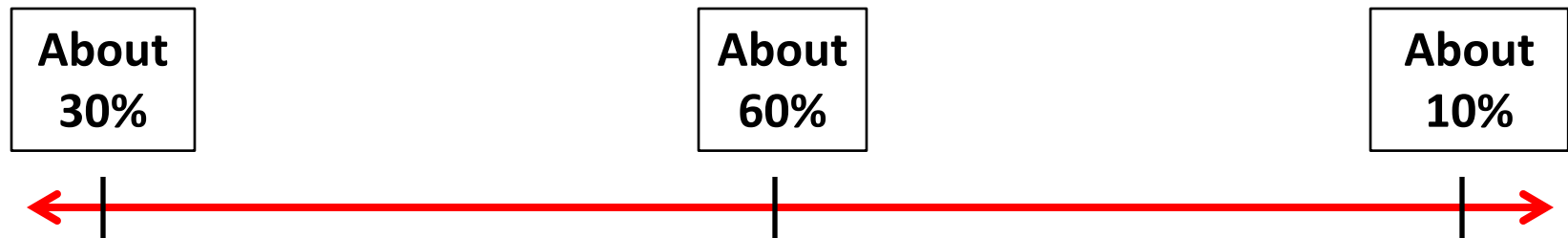
Return on Investment

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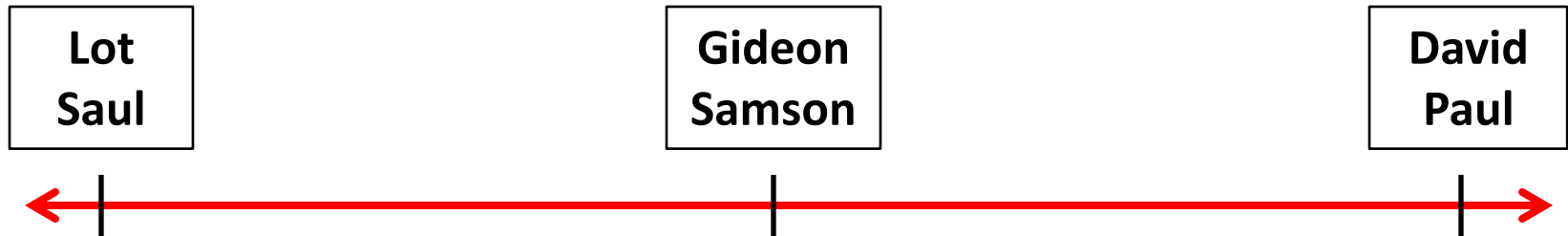
Rewards and Punishment

Parable of the Talents/Pounds



Distribution of Christians

Parable of the Talents/Pounds



Bible Examples

Parable of the Talents/Pounds

- **David was God's favorite and better than Saul.**
- **David sinned greatly, but totally surpassed Saul.**
- **David was gracious, merciful, praising, zealous.**
- **Saul was fearful, impatient, proud, and selfish.**
- **The difference between the two is staggering.**

Other Favorites

Stephanas

Samuel

Phebe

Enoch

Moses

Noah

Joseph

Sarah

Mary

Abel

Ruth

Job

Abraham

Timothy

Daniel

Jacob

Rahab

John

What Were They Known For?

Tree of Life

Merciful

Answers

Service

Thankful

Diligent

Speech

Meek

Love

Faith

Patience

Hospitable

Generous

Gracious

Worship

Forgiving

Peaceful

Zeal

About God's Favorites

Were they sinners?

More than once?

Bad sins?

Did they have temptations?

Did they sometimes suffer?

Helping You Impress the Lord

- You have the same faults as the “favorites.”
- But you have more advantages than they did.
- The permanent presence of the Holy Spirit.
- Much teaching, Proverbs, men’s meetings, etc.
- Why do you think *Higher Ground* was preached?

What About Unconditional Love?

- **There is hardly such a thing by a rational person.**
- **This is much talk about a non-existing thing.**
- **God loves us fully and totally ... *by conditions*.**
- **The condition ... that Jesus Christ died for us!**
- **He will love you more if you fulfill conditions!**

**He that hath my commandments,
and keepeth them,
he it is that loveth me:
and he that loveth me
shall be loved of my Father,
and I will love him,
and will manifest myself to him.**

John 14:21

**Jesus answered and said unto him,
If a man love me,
he will keep my words:
and my Father will love him,
and we will come unto him,
and make our abode with him.**

John 14:23

**Behold,
I stand at the door, and knock:
if any man hear my voice,
and open the door,
I will come in to him,
and will sup with him,
and he with me.**

Revelation 3:20

For Further Study

Parable of Pounds ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/occupy-till-i-come.pdf>.

Running Your Race ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/running-your-race.pdf>.

Running Like Jesus ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/running-like-jesus.pdf>.

Heart of David ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/heart-of-david.pdf>.

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Unconditional Love ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/lie-of-unconditional-love.pdf>.

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