

The Parables of Jesus

PARABLE	OCCASION	LESSON TAUGHT	REFERENCES
1. The speck and the beam	Sermon on the Mount (Matt)	Do not presume to judge others	Matt. 7:1-6; Lk. 6:37-42
2. The two houses	Sermon on the Mount (at close)	Necessity of building life on Jesus' words	Matt. 7:24-27; Lk. 6:47-49
3. Children in the marketplace	Rejecting John's baptism & Jesus' ministry	Evil of fault-finding disposition	Matt. 11:16-19; Lk. 7:32-34
4. The two debtors	A Pharisee's self-righteous reflections	Love to Christ is proportioned to grace received	Luke 7:41-43
5. The unclean spirit	The scribes demand a miracle in the heavens	The hardening power of unbelief	Matt. 12:43-45; Lk. 11:24-26
6. The rich fool	The dispute of two brothers	The folly of reliance on wealth	Luke 12:16-21
7. The barren fig tree	Receiving news about the execution of certain Galileans	There is still time for repentance	Luke 13:6-9
8. The sower	Sermon on the seashore	The effects of preaching religious truth	Matt. 13:3-8; Mk. 4:3-8; Lk. 8
9. The tares	Sermon on the seashore	The severance of good and evil	Matt. 13:24-30
10. The seed	Sermon on the seashore	The Power of truth	Mark 4:26-29
11. The grain of mustard seed	Sermon on the seashore	Small beginnings & growth of the kingdom	Luke 13:19
12. The leaven	Sermon on the seashore	Growing power of the knowledge of Christ	Matt. 13:33; Luke 13:21
13. The lamp	Sermon on the Mt. (Matt) and teaching a large crowd (Mk., Lk.)	The effect of a good example	Matt. 5:15; Mk. 4:21; Luke 8:16: 11:33
14. The dragnet	Sermon on the seashore	The mixed character of the church	Matt. 13:47-48
15. The hidden treasure	Sermon on the seashore	The value of God's Kingdom	Matt. 13:44
16. The pearl of great price	Sermon on the seashore	The value of God's Kingdom	Matt. 13:45,46
17. The householder	Sermon on the seashore	Various methods of teaching the truth	Matt. 13:52
18. The marriage	To critics who censured disciples	Joy in Christ's companionship	Matt. 9:15; Mark 2:19-20; Lk. 5:34-35
19. The patched garment	To critics who censured disciples	Newness of God's work in Christ (which can't be stopped by the old)	Matt. 9:16; Mark 2:21; Luke 5:36
20. The wine bottles	To critics who censured disciples	Newness of God's work in Christ (which can't be stopped by the old)	Matt. 9:17; Mk. 2:22; Lk. 5:37,38
21. The harvest	The spiritual wants of the Jews	The need of witness and prayer	Matt. 9:37; Luke 10:2
22. The opponent	The slowness of people to believe	The Need of prompt reconciliation	Matt. 5:25-26; Luke 12:58-59
23. The two debtors	Peter's question	Duty of forgiveness	Matt. 18:23-35
24. The good Samaritan	The Lawyer's question	The golden rule for all	Luke 10:30-37
25. The persistent friend	Disciples ask a lesson on prayer	The effect of importunity in prayer	Luke 11:5-8
26. The good shepherd	Rejection of testimony of miracle	Christ, the only way to God	John 10:1-16
27. The narrow, or locked door	Are there few who can be saved?	Difficulty of entry into God's Kingdom	Luke 13:24

28. The two ways	The Sermon on the Mount	The difficulty of discipleship	Matt. 7:13-14
29. The guests	The eagerness to take high places	Chief places not to be usurped	Luke 14:7-11
30. The marriage supper	Self-righteous remark of a guest	The rejection of unbelievers	Matt. 22:2-9; Luke 14:16-24
31. The wedding clothes	Self-righteous remark of a guest	The necessity of purity	Matt. 22:10-14
32. The tower	Multitudes surrounding Christ	The need to count the cost of discipleship	Luke 14:28-30
33. The king going to war	Multitudes surrounding Christ	Counting the cost of discipleship	Luke 14:31-32
34. The lost sheep	Disciples ask: "Who is greatest?"	Christ's love for sinners is based on God's love for them	Matt.18:12-13; Luke 15:4-7
35. The lost coin	Continuing #34 above	Continuing #34 above	Luke 15:8-9
36. The lost (prodigal) son	Continuing #34 above	Continuing #34 above	Luke 15:11-32
37. The unjust steward	To the disciples	Prudence in using property	Luke 16:1-9
38. The rich man and Lazarus	Upon the derision of Pharisees	Salvation is not connected with wealth	Luke 16:19-31
39. The importunate widow	Teaching the disciples	Perseverance in prayer	Luke 18:2-5
40. Pharisee and tax collector	Teaching the self-righteous	Humility in prayer	Luke 18:10-14
41. The slave's duty	Teaching the disciples	Humble obedience	Luke 17:7-10
42. Laborers in the vineyard	Teaching the disciples	God's graciously adequate gift to unworthy	Matt. 20:1-16
43. The talents	In Jerusalem at house of	The doom of unfaithful followers	Matt. 25:14-30; Lk. 19:11-27
44. The two sons	Chief Priests ask His authority	Obedience is better than words	Matt. 21:28-30
45. Wicked vineyard workers	Same situation	The rejection of the Jewish people	Matt. 21:33-43; Mk. 12:1-9; Luke 20:9-15
46. The fig tree	Prophecy: destruction of Jerusalem	Our duty to watch for Christ's return	Mt 24:32; Mk 13:28; Lk 21:29-30
47. Watching householder	Prophecy: destruction of Jerusalem	Our duty to watch for Christ's return	Matt. 24:43; Luke 12:39
48. The watchful slave	Prophecy: destruction of Jerusalem	Our duty to watch for Christ's return	Mark 13:34-36
49. The character of two slaves	Prophecy: destruction of Jerusalem	The danger of unfaithfulness	Matt. 24:45-51; Lk. 12:42-46
50. The ten virgins	Prophecy: destruction of Jerusalem	The necessity of watchfulness	Matt. 25:1-12
51. The watching slaves	Prophecy: destruction of Jerusalem	The necessity of watchfulness	Luke 12:36-38
52. The vine and the branches	At the Last Supper	The need to abide in Christ	John 15:1-6