

## **MONEY MATTERS (Luke 16:1-31)**

- **ETERNITY (1-9):** Using God's Money for Eternal Impact – Faithfulness with Future Focus
- **RELIABILITY (10-12):** Being Faithful with What You Now Have – Faithfulness with Present Possessions
- **LOYALTY (13):** Serving God by Money Rather than Serving Money – Faithfulness to Our True Master
- **ACCURACY (14-18):** Letting the Truth Change Us Instead of Seeking to Change the Truth – Faithfulness to the Unchanging Truth
- **REALITY (19-31):** Putting Money in the Right Perspective – Money Can Cause One to Lose Eternity

### **Jesus Confronts the Money-Loving Pharisees (Luke 16:14-18)**

<sup>14</sup> Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. <sup>16</sup> "The law and the prophets [were] until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. <sup>17</sup> "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail. <sup>18</sup> "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from [her] husband commits adultery."

#### **1. The Pharisees \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus**

<sup>14</sup> Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.

- a. They were \_\_\_\_\_ money**
- b. They were \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' words**
- c. They were \_\_\_\_\_ at Jesus**

Those that refuse the truth often mock the truth.

Are you embracing the truth or mocking the truth?

#### **2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Pharisees**

<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

- a. Their \_\_\_\_\_: "justifying yourselves before men"**
- b. Their \_\_\_\_\_: "but God knows your hearts"**

#### **c. The \_\_\_\_\_: "highly esteemed → abomination"**

Are you measuring your views by the Word or ignoring the Word to fit your views?

You are embracing God's Word (the Truth) or you are living by means of what is repulsive to God. Which is it?

#### **3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God's Revelation**

<sup>16</sup> "The law and the prophets [were] until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it."

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ John: "the law and the prophets"**
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ John: "the kingdom of God"**
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_: "everyone is pressing into it"**
  - Middle: each person is forcibly entering the kingdom
  - Passive: each into the kingdom is suffering violently (Mt 11:12)

You are with the world and against the Word of God, or you are with God and therefore you are enemies of the world. Which is it?

#### **4. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Certainty of God's Word**

<sup>17</sup> "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail."

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ reliable: "for heaven & earth to pass away"**
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ reliable: "one tittle of the law to fail"**

Understand that the measure for your thoughts, views, choices, and actions is God's never-changing Word. You will be judged by His Word. Do you live responsively to God's Word, or ignore it?

#### **5. Jesus Shows that \_\_\_\_\_ the Word Is the Issue**

<sup>18</sup> "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from [her] husband commits adultery."

- a. Ignoring God regarding \_\_\_\_\_**
- b. Ignoring God regarding \_\_\_\_\_**

You cannot ignore a single part of God's Word without compromising it all in some fashion. Your choices either align with God's Word or violate God's Word. Which is it?