

MONEY MATTERS (Luke 16:1-31)

(1-9) _____ : Using God's Money for Eternal Impact – Faithfulness with Future Focus

(10-12) _____ : Being Faithful with What You Now Have – Faithfulness with Present Possessions

(13) _____ : Serving God by Money Rather than Serving Money – Faithfulness to Our True Master

(14-18) _____ : Letting the Truth Change Us Instead of Seeking to Change the Truth – Faithfulness to the Unchanging Truth

(19-31) _____ : Putting Money in the Right Perspective – Money Can Cause One to Lose Eternity

Jesus Presents Two Principles Regarding Possessions (Luke 16:10-13)

The Principle of RELIABILITY

#1: How You _____ What You _____ Reveals What You _____

a. Jesus States the First Principle Two Ways:

¹⁰ *"He who [is] faithful in [what is] least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in [what is] least is unjust also in much.*

- 1) _____ does not enable faithfulness or righteousness.
- 2) Present faithfulness determines future faithfulness.
- 3) Present righteousness determines future righteousness.
- 4) You will be just as faithful or righteous with more as you are with what you have right now.

b. Jesus Asks a First Rhetorical Question:

¹¹ *"Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true [riches]?"*

IF YOU ARE NOT FAITHFUL USING MONEY THAT IS _____ AND WHICH WILL PASS AWAY, HOW CAN GOD TRUST YOU WITH ETERNAL RICHES?

c. Jesus Asks a Second Rhetorical Question:

¹² *"And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?"*

IF YOU DO NOT FAITHFULLY CARE FOR THE MONEY WHICH _____ TO GOD, HOW CAN GOD TRUST YOU TO GIVE YOU YOUR OWN REWARD?

The Principle of LOYALTY

#2: How You Use What You Have Reveals Your _____

a. Jesus States the Second Principle Generally:

No servant can serve two masters;

- 1) _____ : Not one person IS ABLE TO simultaneously serve two rulers (lit. "lords").
- 2) _____ : You ARE serving a ruler. What does your uses of money show?

b. Jesus Explains the Second Principle:

for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.

- 1) _____ : You will hate the one and love the other
- 2) _____ : ...loyal to the one and despise the other

c. Jesus Restates the Second Principle Personally:

You cannot serve God and mammon.

- 1) _____ : You
- 2) _____ : Cannot Serve [unable]
- 3) _____ : God and mammon

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Jam 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Col. 3:1-5 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who* is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. ⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

1 Jn. 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.