

The Parable of the Unjust Steward

Who Is Your Master?

Text: Luke 16:1-13

- 1 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods.
- 2 So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'
- 3 "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg.
- 4 I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.'
- 5 "So he called every one of his master's debtors to *him*, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
- 6 And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'
- 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'
- 8 So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.
- 9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.
- 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.
- 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?
- 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?
- 13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Discussion Questions:

1. What wisdom do we gain from this parable of the unjust steward?
2. What form of investment is Jesus teaching us to gain eternal dividend?
3. How can we know where to draw the line on spending on ourselves versus investing in God's kingdom's purposes?
4. If God is our Master, what should we do as stewards to please our master?

Prayer Points:

1. Pray that God will give us wisdom in using our money wisely without losing sight of eternity.
2. Pray that God will use us in supporting his kingdom's business of saving souls using our earthly resources.