



LIFEWork for the week starting September 19, 2021

THE DISHONEST MANAGER – Luke 16:1-18

PRAY – STUDY – SHARE

1. Shrewd! Pastor hit that again and again. What else about the message impacted you?
2. After Jesus addressed several religious leaders in Luke 15, He turned His attention to the disciples to teach about stewardship while knowing that the religious leaders are listening in. Jesus essentially asked them and asks us, “What are you investing your life into?”
3. After 3 stories of “lost” in chapter 15, Jesus now tells 2 stories in chapter 16 that both focus on attitudes toward money. One out of every three parables that Jesus told related to money. Can you remember the Luther quote regarding money? If you’re willing, share with the group about your personal journey through that progression. And if you’re not there yet, are you willing to confess that and make a commitment to move down the path?
4. Remember the two types of parables: “comparison” & “contrast”. Luke, more than any other gospel writer, highlighted the contrasts and here again we have a good lesson from a bad example. Read the parable again and remind each other who the characters in the story represent.
5. Read the first 14 verses of Genesis 24. Who is this guy? See here the importance of a steward from a Biblical context.
6. Go back and read Luke 15:13 and then read again Luke 16:1. It is interesting that Jesus uses the same Greek word in these two verses. Can you figure out which one it is? Consider why Jesus might have done this.
7. A vast majority of the world operates on the basis of “self-preservation”. Share with one another any examples of when you truly violated that worldly principle. Do you know anyone who lives their life violating that principle? As Jesus commands us to “love one another” it is important to be reminded of this as I go about my day or I will dwell in “self-preservation” rather than loving sacrifice. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-15
8. Reflect on these two statements:
 - a. If believers were as determined in their spiritual lives about spiritual things and eternal futures things would be a lot different.
 - b. Unbelievers will often serve their earthly, temporary, goals with more passion and devotion than believers will serve eternal goals.
9. Thinking back over the sermon and with the parable in mind, how do you see that Luke 16:14-18 fits in with the parable?

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The Dishonest Manager

Luke 16:1-18

September 19, 2021 - Pastor D. R. Hilken

We are all managers/STEWARDS and
everything belongs to God

“There are three conversions necessary: the mind, the heart,
and the PURSE.” -Martin Luther

Be SHREWD

We can RUN FROM culture, (poverty theology)
GIVE IN to culture, (prosperity theology)
Or consecrate the culture.

Be GENEROUS (that house in the neighborhood)

Be a shrewd steward
So that you can be a generous giver
'Cause you WON'T take it with you

Four Questions:

1. Financially, to whom do you compare yourself?
2. Am I using money wisely, as a RESOURCE?
“do you worship your money or worship with your money?”

Tim Keller's IDOLS: surface and deep

3. If JESUS set your budget, what would be different? Am I using money as a servant, rather than as a MASTER?
(Money is a wonderful servant, but a terrible master!)
4. Do you actually believe that Jesus is a better God than money? Long story short: INVEST in the ETERNAL,
because all else FAILS.