

Luke Parables: An Unjust Steward

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?” Matthew 16:26 (ESV)

The ability to _____ gratification is _____ for success in life.

Luke 16 - The Parable Of The Dishonest Steward

A. 16:1-9 - The parable as given by Jesus:

1. Evans: Few of Jesus' parables have _____ readers more.
2. 16:1,14 - Though spoken to the _____, it was heard by the _____.

B. The main components of the parable:

1. 16:1,2 - A manager was _____ his master's things.
2. 16:3,4 - The steward worried about his _____.
3. 16:5-7 - He _____ the debts of his master's creditors.
4. 16:8a - The master _____ him for his _____!

C. 16:8b,9 - Jesus: “Make _____ for yourselves by means of _____ wealth” to receive eternal _____.

Determining The Meaning Of The Parable

A. Was Jesus commending dishonesty?

1. Is this an example of the “If this, then how much _____” type of argument in the Bible?
2. Bock (Evans, too) sees the steward as _____ his own _____, which would reduce the debts.

B. The larger lesson for Jesus' disciples:

1. Mark 12:40 - The scribes and Pharisees struggled with _____. “I want it now!” was their world view.
2. Luke 15:1,2 - They had derided Jesus for eating with _____ and _____.
3. Luke 19:8 - But one _____ was willing to live with less in order to receive _____.
4. Luke 16:8b,9 - Use your _____ so that when these _____ you will be received into _____ dwellings.
5. 16:10,11 - Bock: “The question [here] probes _____.”
6. 16:13 - We cannot serve _____ and _____.
7. 16:19-31 - This man didn't _____ Lazarus with his wealth.

C. How do we view material things in view of eternity?

1. Matthew 16:25,26 - What on earth is worth our _____?
2. Matthew 6:33 - Seek _____ the _____ of God.

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