

"SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM" (The Parables of Jesus)

WEST OLIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST – Wednesday PM Bible Class – Rich Howell

E-"KINGDOM VALUE PARABLES" SUPPLEMENT 2

The Dishonest Manager (Steward) - Luke 16:1-13

1. SETTING UP THE PARABLE (16:1; 15:1-3a)

- § THREE GROUPS: 1) *Leaders (Skeptics)*; 2) *Outcasts (Seekers)*; 3) *Disciples*
- § LAST PARABLE: Prodigal SON, directed at group 1!
- THIS PARABLE: Prodigal STEWARD, directed at group 3!

2. UNPACKING THE PARABLE

- § NEGATIVE REPORT (1)
- § "YOU'RE FIRED!" (2)
- § WHAT NOW? WHAT NEXT? (3)
- § A "WELCOME" SCHEME (4)
- § SURPRISE PAYOFFS (5-7)
- § SMOOTH OPERATOR (8a)

3. APPLYING THE PARABLE

- § BE RESOURCEFUL (16:8-9)
Use worldly WEALTH to secure a Heavenly WELCOME (1 Tim 6:17-19)
- § BE TRUSTWORTHY (16:1-2,10-12)
How we manage LITTLE (lesser) things is the test for how we will manage BIGGER and better (greater) things! (1 Cor 4:1-2)
- § BE ACCOUNTABLE (16:1-2; 15:13)
Our money is God's. It is not to be ...
 - 1) SQUANDERED (Luke 16:1)
 - 2) STORED, (Mat 25:18)
 - 3) SERVED (Luke 16:13)
 - 4) But rather, EMPLOYED/USED or INVESTED (1 Pet 4:10-11)
- § BE LOYAL
Be TRUE to the Lord! (Luke 16:13; Prov 20:6)

The Rich Man & Lazarus - Luke 16:19-31

THE QUESTION about this teaching: _____ or _____?

Why THE ANSWER is not terribly important: Because ...

- 1) All of Jesus' teaching is _____ (John 8:31-32; 14:6; 17:17;
- 2) All the details of all of Jesus' parables are realities and _____ to _____ in every detail!
- 3) In either case, we can learn much, _____ much, and _____ much from Jesus' teaching here!

1. SETTING THE TABLE (16:14-15) (CON_____)

- ⊞ Previous relevant teaching, parables: Luke 14:12-14; 15:11-32 & 16:1-13
- ⊞ The Parable of the Dishonest Manager was directed to Jesus' _____, but also heard by the Jewish _____
- ⊞ How did they respond to Jesus' parable? And, why?
- ⊞ How did Jesus answer their response to the parable?

2. UNPACKING THIS TEACHING (CON_____)

- ⊞ THE "BEFORE" SCENARIO (19-21) Key word: CON_____!
- ⊞ THE "AFTER" SCENARIO (22-23) Key word: _____!
 - 1) Where did Lazarus go? To _____ (Luke 23:43; John 20:17; Acts 2:31)
 - 2) Where did the rich man go? To _____ (2 Peter 2:4-9; Rev 20:11-15)
- ⊞ THE FIRST REQUEST/DENIAL (24-26)
Here we learn that once _____, our destiny is _____ (Heb 9:27-28; John 8:24)
- ⊞ THE SECOND REQUEST/DENIAL (27-31)
Here we learn that the Scriptures are _____ to save, no _____ needed! (John 20:24-31; Rom 10:17)

3. APPLYING THIS TEACHING (CON_____)

- ⊞ WITH P_____ COMES RESPONSIBILITY (Mat 10:8; Luke 12:48b)
It matters how we treat others! (Mat 25:31-46)
- ⊞ THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY _____! (Rev 3:17; 2:9; 2 Cor 6:8b-10)
Since the _____ will _____ one day, (Mat 19:30; 20:16; 8:11-12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; 16:25; 6:20-26), now is the time to _____! (Heb 9:27-28; Acts 2:38-41; John 5:24; Acts 26:18)
- ⊞ IN JESUS CHRIST, WE CAN ALL HAVE A _____ OF _____! (2 Cor 8:9)