

“The Parable of the Unjust Steward” 8/08/10

Luke 16:1-13

Studies in the Parables of Jesus

Rich Man- a man who owned considerable land and rented it out to others who farmed the land. He owned enough land in order to use a steward
Steward- someone who would manage the estate and accounts of the landowner and act on his behalf to the renters; was accountable at all times

Intro questions: How much time do you spend auditing your performance of stewardship? How much thought and effort have you put in to your eternal nest egg? Can God trust you?

POINT 1- The steward’s handling of money brought him CONDEMNATION

- A. The condemnation of the steward will be fulfilled in his ACCOUNTING (Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 12:36; Rev 20:12)

Going Deeper **God wants you to assess your own stewardship!**

POINT 2- The steward’s handling of money brought him COMMENDATION

- A. The commendation of the steward is based on his SHREWDNESS (Matthew 15:21-28; he was wise in his “generation”; not on wickedness)
- B. The commendation of the steward was based on his master’s MERCY (he knew his master well; his master paid for his salvation)

Going Deeper **God wants you to ask if you are being shrewd in your generation!**

POINT 3- The steward’s handling of money will bring COMPENSATION

- A. The compensation we will receive is based on us thinking AHEAD (Matt 6:33; Philippians 3:20; Luke 12:20-21; 1 Tim 6:6-10; 17-19)
- B. The compensation we will receive is based on being FAITHFUL (1 Corinthians 4:2; Matthew 25:21, 23; Luke 12:42; Numbers 12:7)

Going Deeper **God wants you to ask if you are living for today or eternity!**