

“SPIRITUAL WARFARE: MONEY/MAMMON”

I. The Key to Understanding the Parable

- It is a **CONTRAST** between the people whose hope is in the temporary life in the world and the people with eternal hope in Jesus.

*Luke 16:1-7 – ¹He 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. ²So 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.’ ³Then 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. ⁴I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So 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.’ ⁷Then 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.’”*

II. The Truth of the Parable

- The sons of this world are more shrewd than the sons of light.

*Luke 16:8 – “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.”*

III. The Release of the Parable

- Money possesses great influence when wielded in service to the Kingdom of God.

Luke 16:9 – “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.”

IV. The Point of the Parable

- The way you manage your finances reflects your credibility when it comes to what truly counts. (The Battle - A Life Without Qualifications)

Luke 16:10-12 – 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. ¹¹Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?”

V. The Mental Challenge of the Parable

- Attempting to serve both God and money will result in constant anxiety.

Luke 16:13 – “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.”**

Matthew 6:19-20 – ¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”