

The Parable of the Unjust Steward

Luke 16:1-9

1. In a few words relate the story of the unjust steward.
2. Although this parable is addressed to the disciples, there seems to be no change in audience or location so who else needed this teaching?
3. Who are the two principal characters in this parable?
4. What was the accusation against the steward?
5. What did the lord of the manor require of the steward?
6. What is it about the steward's action or inaction that indicated the accusation was true?

7. What leads us to believe the lord seems convinced the accusation was true?

8. The steward made no appeal to save his job and also rejected what two ways to make a living?

9. What did the steward decide to do when put out of the stewardship?

10. If he called "every one of his lord's debtors unto him," why are only two mentioned?

11. If the first debtor owed an estimated value of eight or nine hundred gallons of oil, how much would half of that be worth?

12. What is it about this arrangement that would indicate the steward was living up to his description as "unjust"?

13. The second debtor owed an estimated one thousand bushels of wheat. What would twenty percent of that be worth?

14. What did the debtors hope to gain by these exercises?

15. Although the lord must have been angry and disappointed with his employee, about what did he commend him?

16. Jesus clearly identified the steward as unjust, but in a way, how was he like the man who built his house on the rock, or like the virgins who took extra oil in their lamps?

17. What were the commendable qualities the steward's lord saw in him?

18. In what way are the children of this world more prudent or shrewd than the children of light?

19. What does Jesus want us to realize about the concept of stewardship, spiritually speaking?

20. What does Jesus call the thing that sometimes takes our lives away from God, is used in sinful ways, and can cause us to be selfish?

21. How does Jesus want us to use our earthly goods in view of eternity and our eternal spiritual dwelling?

22. When will we (ye) fail?

23. When will we finally come to understand that earthly possessions have no lasting value?

24. In what way are we to be like the steward, who made preparation for his future physical dwelling by doing something beneficial for others

