

For The Love of Money

Luke 16:1-13

Can you believe it -- we're in Luke 16. In terms of longevity, you are the best!
No hurry --- no worry.

Today's lesson concerns money and whenever there is money involved --- many things happen.

First and foremost, people get uncomfortable, defensive, people close their ears and hearts. People become suspicious, as in what's the motive of teaching this to ME. A full gamut of emotions meant to close a person's heart to receiving truth ---- happens.

1. Why is it so hard for people to receive lessons about money?

Let's tackle this head on. Let's get uncomfortable while the getting is good!!

Luke 16: 1-13

2. What does this mean to you?

Let's talk about this for a minute, and break down the scriptures with a spiritual eye.

- Who is the certain rich man?
- Who is the steward?
- Who brings the accusation?
- Wasting what goods?
- How do you lose a stewardship?

3. What is this story really about?

For some people their gift is money. (Literal)

While I was incarcerated, I discovered a single piece of paper, one shot of coffee, or one greeting card could create entirely unexpected opportunities to minister.

4. In the spiritual sense, when we release our debtors -- or people who owe God --- what debt are we forgiving?

In the literal sense, it is actually physical goods --- in the spiritual, it is their sin.

5. Why does the master commend him?

Luke 16:13

James 3:8-12

Jesus is teaching that divided loyalty can really get us off course.

If we truly understand that God's blessings are meant to further His Kingdom, then we can lead a peaceful life.

The more we spend seeking personal joy without considering God, the more likely we are to become like the unjust steward.

Isaiah 55

Again, why does the master commend the servant?

- A repentant heart
- A change in thinking

1 Timothy 6:3-10

=====Time for personal reflection=====

6. In what way do messages about money make you uncomfortable?