

LUKE 16:13-18INTRODUCTION

1. In verse 13 Jesus laid down the truth concerning two ways of life. He taught that is impossible to walk in both ways. The lesson points out a principle that will govern in the way you choose.
 1. You cannot serve two masters because:
 1. You cannot serve God and mammon. You will love the one you serve and hate the other.

CONSIDER THE THE CONDUCT OF THE PHARISEES

1. Their weak point had been touched by our Lord's teaching.
2. Unable to meet the argument they adopted the fool's course of mocking at that which they could not deny to be true.
3. They were not willing to follow the teaching of Christ into the practical result of a godly, self-denying life.

HOW THE PHARISEES ARE DESCRIBED

1. Covetous. They were lovers of money and willing to do most anything to have money in their possession as their own. Consider the power of money:
 1. The luxurious self-indulgent habit of living is the characteristic of the unrenewed worldly mind.
 2. 1 Timothy 6:10: "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."
 3. Covetousness, love of money, a mark of perilous times. 2 Tim. 3:2: "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."
2. Derided-Derision. "And they derided him." Luke 16:14
 1. Literally, they made fun of him and especially of his teaching. DERIDED comes from a Greek word that means literally: TO TURN UP THE NOSE AT. How do you turn up the nose? The Romans expressed it this way: naso adunco suspendere, TO HANG ON THE HOOKED NOSE.
 2. THE RESULT OF THIS DERISION
 1. It did not hurt Christ. It did not change the truth of the lesson.
 2. Thinking lightly of God's word in no wise harm God but there are certain results of derision from which the derider cannot escape. I suggest:
 - (1) These Pharisees of our text were morally injured by their conduct toward the Lord. So are all who make fun of or look lightly upon God's word.
 - (2) Making fun means that they were less fit than they were before to receive impressions for good. In fact:
 - (3) The whole moral sense suffers, the edge of the conscience is blunted; the man is less open to conviction than before, not only with regard to the particular subject which called forth his derision, but with regard to every right subject.
3. YE ARE THEY WHICH JUSTIFY YOURSELVES BEFORE MEN
 1. Before men is the only place that self-justification can take place. It is impossible before God. "Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
 2. Their outward professions and appearances may be great before men but under the SEARCHING GLANCE OF GOD who sees the motive back of it all it is nothing short of abomination.

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REMEMBER THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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1. Their work plan had been founded by our Lord's teaching.

2. Unable to bear the argument they adopted the fool's course of seeking at that which they could not pay to be true.

3. They were not willing to follow the teaching of Christ into the heavenly world of glory, self-carrying life.

1. Covetousness. They were lovers of a way and willing to do most anything to have money in their possession as their own. Consider the power of money:

1. The Christian's self-interest habit of living is characterized by the universal covetousness.

2. I believe that the love of money is the root of all evil; which which some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

3. Covetousness, love of money, a root of perdition, blindness, idolatry, etc. for you shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unloving, etc.

2. Remember that Jesus said, "And they rejected him." Luke 10:11

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3. YE ARE THEY WHICH JUSTIFY YOURSELVES BEFORE MEN

1. The Lord says in the only place that will be mentioned in the lesson that it is impossible to be saved by the works of the law. He says, "Ye are they which justify yourselves before men." This is a principle that will govern in the way you choose.

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SINCE JOHN THE BAPTIST Luke 16:16,

1. The kingdom of God is preached.
2. Men press into the Kingdom of God. "Every man presseth into it." Not literally all men will press into or make effort to get into the kingdom but those who enter will do so in face of the violent objections of the scribes and rulers. He will make his way into the kingdom in face of violent opposition.

THE PERMANENCY OF GOD'S WORD

1. God's word is the only things that is not weakened by the passing of time. Time weakens all things else and has given strength to its position. "The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of God endureth forever." 1 Peter 1:24, 25

WHOSOEVER PUTTETH AWAY HIS WIFE, AND MARRIETH ANOTHER. Luke 16:18

1. Committeth adultery.
2. And whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery. Luke 16:18
3. How God intended that marriage should be:
 1. One man to one woman.
 2. Marriage is of divine origin (Gen. 2:24) and the obligation of marriage is for life. (Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 10:11, 12; Romans 7:1-3)

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WHAT IS THE OBLIGATION OF MARRIAGE? Luke 16:13

- 1. Consanguinity
- 2. And moreover, marriage is not a contract but a sacrament. How is it intended that marriage should be?
- 3. One man and one woman.
- 4. Marriage is of divine origin (Gen. 2:24) and the obligation of marriage is for life. (Malachi 2:14-15; Mark 10:11, 12; Romans 7:1-3)