

The Unrighteous Steward

16:1 Now He was also saying to the disciples, “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and this *steward* was ¹reported to him as ^asquandering his possessions. 2 “And 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.’ 3 “And the steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my ¹master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 ‘I ¹know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, they will receive me into their homes.’ 5 “And he summoned each one of his ¹master’s debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 “And he said, ‘A hundred ¹measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7 “Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred ¹measures of wheat.’ He **said* to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8 “And his ¹master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of ^athis age are more shrewd in relation to their own ²kind than the ^bsons of light. 9 “And I say to you, ^amake friends for yourselves by means of the ¹^bmammon of unrighteousness; that when it fails, ^cthey may receive you into the eternal dwellings. 10 “^aHe who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. 11 “If therefore you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous ¹^amammon, who will entrust the true *riches* to you? 12 “And if you have not been faithful in *the use of* that which is another’s, who will give you that which is ¹your own? 13 “^aNo ¹servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and ²^bmammon.”

14 Now the Pharisees, who were ^alovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they ^bwere scoffing at Him. 15 And He said to them, “You are those who ^ajustify yourselves ¹in the sight of men, but ^bGod knows your hearts; for that which is ²highly esteemed among men is detestable ³in the sight of God. 16 “^aThe Law and the Prophets *were proclaimed* until John; since then ^bthe gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. 17 “^aBut it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one ¹stroke of a letter of the Law to fail. 18 “^aEveryone who ¹divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and he who marries one who is ²divorced from a husband commits adultery.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 “Now there was a certain rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, gaily living in splendor every day. 20 “And a certain poor man named Lazarus ^awas laid at his gate, covered with sores, 21 and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. 22 “Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to ^aAbraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. 23 “And in ^aHades ¹he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and **saw* Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 “And he cried out and said, ‘^aFather Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in ^bthis flame.’ 25 “But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that ^aduring your

life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 ‘And ¹besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.’ 27 “And he said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father’s house— 28 for I have five brothers—that he may ^awarn them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ 29 “But Abraham ^{*}said, ‘They have ^aMoses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ 30 “But he said, ‘No, ^aFather Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’ 31 “But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

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¹ Or, *accused*

^a Luke 15:13

¹ Or, *lord*

¹ Lit., *have come to the knowledge of*

¹ Or, *lord's*

¹ Gr., *baths*, one bath equals between 8 and 9 gal.

¹ Gr., *kors*, one kor equals between 10 and 12 bu.

¹ Or, *lord*

^a Matt. 12:32; Luke 20:34

² Lit., *generation*

^b John 12:36; Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:5

^a Matt. 19:21; Luke 11:41; 12:33

¹ Or, *riches*

^b Matt. 6:24; Luke 16:11, 13

^c Luke 16:4

^a Matt. 25:21, 23

¹ Or, *riches*

^a Luke 16:9

¹ Some mss. read *our own*

^a Matt. 6:24

¹ Or, *house-servant*

² Or, *riches*

^b Luke 16:9

^a 2 Tim. 3:2

^b Luke 23:35

^a Luke 10:29; 18:9, 14

¹ Lit., *before men*

^b 1 Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2; Acts 1:24; Rom. 8:27

² Lit., *high*

³ Lit., *before God*

^a Matt. 11:12f.

^b Matt. 4:23

^a Matt. 5:18

¹ I.e., projection of a letter (serif)

^a Matt. 5:32; 1 Cor. 7:10, 11

¹ Or, *sends away*

² Or, *sent away*

^a Acts 3:2

^a John 1:18; 13:23

^a Matt. 11:23

¹ Lit., *having lifted up*

^a Luke 3:8; 16:30; 19:9

^b Matt. 25:41

^a Luke 6:24

¹ Lit., *in all these things*

^a Acts 2:40; 8:25; 10:42; 18:5; 20:21ff.; 23:11; 28:23; Gal. 5:3; Eph. 4:17; 1 Thess. 2:11; 4:6

^a Luke 4:17; John 5:45-47; Acts 15:21

^a Luke 3:8; 16:24; 19:9

ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.