

KINGDOM STEWARDSHIP

A steward is one who looks after the goods, the property and the monies of another.

A steward is not an owner but an overseer of that which belongs to another.

In the kingdom of God it is the same way with us, nothing that we have is ours, it all is the LORD'S.

Ps 24:1 The earth is the **LORD'S**, and the **fulness** thereof; **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

The above verse tells us what is true of the earth and all that are in it, we are HIS and what HE has put under our care is HIS as well. Our life, breath, abilities and capacities are all HIS. We are HIS stewards over these things. HE has the right to take account of us as HIS stewards.

Let's look at **Luke 16:1-16** and see if we can gain kingdom insights from the unjust steward.

The LORD knows our hearts and if and when HE takes account of our stewardship it not for HIS benefit as if HE didn't know but for our benefit for us to find where we are.

This steward was called to give account of his stewardship. There was an accusation which the steward not only did not deny but did not repent or even ask forgiveness for the offence.

He immediately began to take steps to provide for himself so if and when he was dismissed from his stewardship that the customers of his Master might feel obligated to him and help.

The scriptures leave us with a question that can only answered with spiritual insight.

Lu 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

The master commended the steward not because he stole and encouraged others to steal **but that he made preparation for the future by what he did.**

We make our preparation for the future by fully following the LORD in all we do and by remembering that for us as sons and daughters of the kingdom of God that there is no time, place or event that is not part of our walk with the LORD. We don't have a secular life and a spiritual life.

We have a life that is given to us by the LORD and we are HIS whether at home, on the job, at school or at church we are HIS.

The LORD is allowing us to prove worthy of our stewardship in all that we do. HE does give us responsibilities and expects us to bring forth fruit that will honor and glorify HIM. The thing is we have to do it HIS way and we have to learn how to do that. It is a process.

If we sin, fall short, miss the mark we can confess our sin and HE will forgive us and put us back on track.

The question that comes up is will we be faithful in that which is another man's or do we have our own agenda for our lives and even the ministry that HE has given to us?

How we begin to see where our hearts are is **by how we handle** that which is least!!!

If we look at verse 10 -11 we see Jesus saying,

Lu 16:10 He that is **faithful in that which is least** is **faithful also in much**: and **he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.**

11 If therefore ye have **not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon**, who will **commit to your trust the true riches**?

12 And if ye have not been **faithful in that which is another man's**, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

It would seem that Jesus is saying that being faithful in money (Mammon), material things, being upright and honest with what is another's is being faithful in that which is least.

If you can't be faithful with another man's time, money, possessions or property then you won't be faithful with the true riches.

The true riches for us, sons and daughters of the Kingdom of God, are **the anointing, revelation knowledge and the ability to touch the souls of men for the Kingdom.**

If we aren't faithful in that which is another's, why would the LORD allow us to have the true riches.

Since our lives here on the earth are HIS and HE is training us in every circumstance that comes our way we must remember that all that we do is to be unto HIM and HIS purposes.

We prove who we love by who we serve. If in all things our heart is to faithful and obedient to HIM and not to our agenda then HE will **"commit to our trust the true riches"**.

If we will **"faithful in what is another man's"** He will give us what is our own.

Ga 4:1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is **under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.**

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption of sons.**

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

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