

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

STEWARDSHIP :

Lesson 8.

OBJECTIVE: To emphasize that all Christians are stewards of Christ and owe Him greater service than worldly stewards owe their masters; faithful stewardship requires that we do OUR BEST in using what God has given us!

PARABLES: *The Parable of the Dishonest Steward:*

Luke 16:1-13

The Parable of the Talents:

Matt. 25:14-30

The Parable of the Pounds:

Luke 19:11-27

I. THE SETTINGS:

A. Unto whom was the first parable spoken?

B. Who also heard the parable? [vs. 14]

C. Where was Jesus when He spoke the second parable?

D. Are the second and third parables simply two different records of the same parable?

Proof: _____

II. THE CENTRAL TEACHINGS:

A. There are several important principles taught in the first parable. What would you consider to be the main

theme? _____

B. What is the central teaching in the second parable?

C. The third parable?

III. UNDERSTANDING THE PARABLES:

A. Is Jesus teaching the "wisdom" of dishonesty? What other word [other than "wisdom"] is used in other translations?

B. Who is "the lord" of Luke 16:8?

C. What is a "*steward*"?

D. In this parable-story, is it possible to compare the characters to specific individuals

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today?

E. How were the children of the world sometimes more prudent than God's children?

_____ Can this also be true today?_____

F. Why did the servants of parable number two receive different amounts of money?

G. In the second parable, how many of his servants received money?_____

H. What was the third servants excuse?

I. What are we to compare to the lord returning and calling his servants together for reckoning in the parables? _____

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Additional Notes: