

## Luke 16

King James Version (KJV)

**16** And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. (The steward was an embezzler)

<sup>2</sup>And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

<sup>3</sup>Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. (Ashamed to beg, but not to embezzle)

<sup>4</sup>I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. (Once labeled as crooked, he'll no longer be able to steal. He plans to forgive debt of others, so the debtors will accept him. He is again stealing from his master. The debt was not his to forgive)

<sup>5</sup>So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

<sup>6</sup>And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. (Stealing from his lord, to make new "friends"; he has no legal right to forgive debt on behalf of his lord, the rich man) (50% discount)

<sup>7</sup>Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. (20% discount)

<sup>8</sup>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. (Wheelers and dealers, not honest people. Apparently his master was as crooked as he was. They take advantage of honest people and think they are stupid)

<sup>9</sup>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. (Get some street smarts, just so you won't be taken advantage of, but don't join into their crooked ways, like this guy did. He is hell-bound if he doesn't wise up)

<sup>10</sup> 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. (Crooked in the world= crooked spirit... Honest in this world= honest and just spirit. If people can trust your handshake, then God can trust your spirit)

<sup>11</sup> If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? (No one will because you can't be trusted)

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

<sup>13</sup> 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. (mammon= ill gotten gains. Not earned honestly)

<sup>14</sup> And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. (Jesus told it like it is and exposed these crooks)

<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. (Self-righteousness has no value to God)

<sup>16</sup> The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. (John- John the Baptist) (presseth= strives to get in)

<sup>17</sup> And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail. (tittle- a small accent mark above a vowel that changes the sound) (God's law is forever, and never changes)

<sup>18</sup> Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery. Deuteronomy 22:22, Deuteronomy 24:1 (The law is the law. If you break a commandment, REPENT and keep your salvation)

<sup>19</sup> There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

<sup>20</sup> And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

<sup>21</sup> And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. (The rich man doesn't care; the dogs care by trying to heal his sores)

<sup>22</sup> And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; (buried= hades<Greek> – he went to the wrong side of the gulf in Paradise)

<sup>23</sup> And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (The dead are not in the ground, but rather on the good side or the bad side of paradise, waiting for final judgment)

<sup>24</sup> And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. (He burns with shame and degradation. He is ashamed and sorrowful, but it's too late)

<sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

<sup>26</sup> And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. (gulf= chasm)

<sup>27</sup> Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

<sup>28</sup> For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

<sup>29</sup> Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. (They have the Word of God, like we all do)

<sup>30</sup> And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

<sup>31</sup> And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. (They

would have one that rose from the dead – Jesus Christ resurrected, and many don't believe HIM)

The ones who have failed may wake up and change their ways in the Millennium, and be saved, but they must wait until then