

Luke 16 Homework

1. What was the relationship between the rich man and his manager or agent? Describe how the rich man decided upon a choice for an agent.
2. Why didn't the rich man just look at his books rather than ask the manager for an accounting? How do you think he heard about some dishonesty regarding the manager?
3. The agent is reported to bring in two people who owed money. How much did each owe and what was the worth of the money owed in their time period? What is the significance that the agent asked each person to change the books?
4. What was the probable source of the amount reduced from the loans? How was this shrewd of the agent? How is it that everyone benefited from the actions of the agent?
5. In verse eight what trouble do we get into if we assume that the master is Jesus? What was the purpose of this parable?
6. In verse 9 what is the meaning of the wealth of unrighteousness? How should one make friends for themselves with that "mammon"? Who is "they" who will receive you into eternity?
7. What are the true riches of verse 11? Who owns that which belongs to another in verse 12? When will the true riches be given to someone who is wise with the use of mammon?
8. If someone tries to be double minded, what does that reveal about themselves? Why did the Pharisees hate this teaching of Jesus so much?
9. How were the truths of God proclaimed until the coming of Jesus? Who was the last "Old Testament" prophet? What does Jesus mean by saying that everyone is forcing his way into the kingdom of God?
10. Why did Jesus put in the section 14-18 what we call verse 18?
11. Describe the earthly existence of the rich man of verses 19-21 and contrast it with the existence of Lazarus. Why do you think Jesus named the poor man Lazarus?
12. Describe the other world existence of the rich man and of Lazarus. Since the rich man knew the poor man by name, what does that say about his knowledge of the existence of Lazarus on earth?
13. Why did the rich man call Abraham, Father? Did he really have reason to call him Father? Why did Abraham call the rich man, child?
14. What does this parable tell us about the two domains after death and whether or not people know each other? What happened later to the occupants of these two domains?