

HIS KINGDOM COMMUNITY HOUSE

BALANCING MATTHEW 6:19-33 & LUKE 16

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, **where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal**;²⁰ "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, **where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal**.²¹ "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matt 6:19-21

Let us ask ourselves the pertinent question about where our treasure truly is? How do we reconcile on interest with that of the Lord

Jesus is admonishing us to develop the focus of our heart on eternal values. He denounces the wastefulness of trusting in uncertain riches and a system that is largely insecure and having no future.

Our sight has got to be locked onto a realm that guarantees life to those around us.

Verse 22-23 describes the fact that our activities and walk is connected to our sightedness.

Our loyalty cannot be divided and it is impossible to serve God and mammon at the same time.

Genuine covenant life eliminates all the cares of natural life as the Lord created us to live for Him and not for things.

What do we understand by a genuine covenant life? How ready are we to engage this life?

Verses 25-32 challenges us to live out the reality of a covenant life as it is a demonstration of lack of faith that conditions us in worry about the cares of this life.

We must seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteous standards so we can access the inheritance of the Kingdom – vs 33

Luke 16:1-8

"He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that **this man was wasting his goods**.² "So 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 "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. **I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg**.⁴ 'I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.'⁵ "So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶ "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So 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?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write

eighty.' 8 "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light."

Parable of the unjust steward is an allegory of worldly stewardship and an economic system that maximizes and utilizes the resources of God without honoring Him as source.

A steward model that has perfected the art of management in the context of injustice.

Jesus is clear about the future of this generation and urges His disciples to distance themselves from this system. We must go back to the covenant and seek the Lord for new understanding and direction.

Verse 9– We must utilize unrighteous mammon in advancing the interest of the Creator.

Verse 10– Faithfulness in the least of things guarantees faithfulness in much – The Lord actually commits into our life on the basis of our pattern of utilizing His resources. Every form of injustice defines the seed for injustice in greater measures of our life.

Verse 11– We must be faithful in the unrighteous mammon as this guarantees us access to true riches.

A generational shift is being defined in this new era and the Lord is empowering this generation of Kingdom saints to develop a new mentality. A Christ like mentality so that we redefine the standard of stewardship. A generation of saints that will be entrusted with the glory that was bestowed on Christ.

What resolve are we going to make to embrace this mentality?