

Stewardship

We did not get very far in the lesson Wednesday night, so I would like to talk about something from the first lesson on stewardship. Jesus gave a parable in **Luke 16** about the unjust steward. One of the lessons we should learn from the parable is in verses **10-12**: *“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?”*

If we have not wisely used what God has already given us, what reason would we have to expect more from Him? If we do not properly use the money God has provided in our lives, then He is not about to waste His spiritual riches by giving them to us to waste.

God wisely gives us blessings in this life as a test as to how we use those things. This is because it is a good indicator of what we would do if we had more. Many fantasize about all the good they could do with \$1 million. The truth is, according to Jesus in **Luke 16**, they tell by their actions what their value system is by how they use their money each and every day. Even if it is but a mere pittance, it is a big indicator of how they would use more.

The parable of the talents (**Matthew 25:14-30**) goes so far as to say that is the reason the five talent man received more talents to begin with, because he had more ability to wisely use them. It should come as no surprise to us that he did use them wisely and was rewarded with even more after proving himself.

How about you? First of all, how thankful are you for the blessings that you have? How much time and effort do you put into thinking of all the blessings God has given you? We must respond correctly with gratitude and praise. We should bless God because we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing. They are all found in Christ (**Eph. 1:3**).

We must also be using them for helping others as God intended us to do (**Luke 16:9**). This is one way we invest treasure in heaven (**Luke 18:22**). We also are to give as we have been prospered (**1 Cor. 16:2**) to show our love (**2 Cor. 8:8**). Please come to class Wednesday and hear more.