

# “The Parable of the Unjust Steward- Right Now Counts Forever”

12/17/17 Luke 16:1-13

Sermon Series- “Essential Jesus: The Man, the Mission, the Message”

**Rich Man-** a man who owned considerable land and rented it out to others who farmed the land. He owned enough land in order to use a steward. He was known as generous or well thought of.

**Steward-** someone who would manage the estate and accounts of the landowner and act on his behalf to the renters; was accountable at all times.

**Community-** Everyone knew everyone else’s business. Small community which honored those who were worthy. Shame/Honor culture.

**LESSON 1-** The steward’s handling of money brought him CONDEMNATION

- A. The condemnation of the steward will be fulfilled in his ACCOUNTING (Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 12:36; Rev 20:12)

*Going Deeper* God wants you to assess your own stewardship!

**LESSON 2-** The stewards handling of money brought him COMMENDATION

- A. The commendation of the steward is based on his SHREWDNESS (Matthew 15:21-28; he was wise in his “generation”; not on wickedness)
- B. The commendation of the steward was based on his master’s MERCY (he knew his master well; his master paid for his deliverance/salvation)

*Going Deeper* God wants you to ask if you are being shrewd in your generation!

**LESSON 3-** The steward’s handling of money will bring COMPENSATION

- A. The compensation we will receive is based on us thinking AHEAD (Matt 5:43-48; 6:19-25; 6:33; Phil 3:20; Luke 12:20-21; 14:12-14)
- B. The compensation we will receive is based on being FAITHFUL (1 Corinthians 4:2; Matthew 25:21, 23; Luke 12:42; Numbers 12:7)

*Going Deeper* God wants you to ask if you are living for today or eternity!