

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week, we saw Jesus share the value of a repentant sinner and the situation of a repentant sinner to the Pharisees and the multitudes in general. The first two parables that he spoke were about a man who had lost a sheep and a woman who had lost a coin. Then he shared the parable regarding the Prodigal Son.
- * Today, we see that Jesus turns his teaching specifically toward His disciples - sharing with them a parable regarding an unjust, or unrighteous, steward who is at first condemned and then commended by his master. At the conclusion of the parable, we see that there were "others" listening in. Jesus' teaching regarding the actions of this steward and His subsequent applicational principles regarding our faithfulness and allegiance are points to which we ought to give somber consideration in our walk with Christ.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE PR _____ OF THE PARABLE (v. 1-8)****A. The C _____ of the Steward (v. 1-2)**

1. THE ACC _____ AGAINST THE STEWARD

2. THE ACC _____ OF THE MASTER

B. The C _____ of the Steward (v. 3-7)

1. HIS P _____ (v. 3)

2. HIS P _____ (v. 3)

3. HIS P _____ (v. 4-7)

C. The C _____ of the Steward (v. 8)

1. ACCORDING TO A WORLDLY P _____

2. ACCORDING TO A WORLDLY S _____

II. THE P _____ FROM THE PARABLES (v. 9-13)**A. Principle #1: Who you _____ ! - Your C _____**

* Matthew 7:15-20; 1 Timothy 3:1

* Colossians 2:6-8; Romans 12:2

B. Principle #2: Who you _____ ! - Your L _____

* Matthew 6:19-21, 24; 1 John 2: 15-16; Joshua 24:14-15

INTROSPECTION

- * Are you trying to "straddle the fence"?
- * What is the basis of your business practices? How faithful are you to your secular work?
- * Are you being faithful to the affairs to which God has entrusted you?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How does living out a Biblical Philosophy and Biblical Standard set us apart from others in our workplace and other areas of life?
- * How can living out a Biblical Philosophy and Biblical Standard assist us in our evangelistic efforts?