

Faith and Finances Luke 16:10-15

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[10] "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. [11] If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? [12] And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? [13] No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." [14] The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. [15] And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Notes:

Summary:

1. God desires for us to be faithful with all He has given us, particularly money.
2. God desires for us to walk in honesty from the depths of our hearts.
3. God blesses those who are faithful with money with true and better riches.
4. If we can't faithfully manage another person's things, we will not be able to manage our own things.
5. We must decide between serving God and serving money, there is no in-between.
6. We will either live for what is exalted among people or we will live for what matters most to God.

[14] "...it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15] To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16] He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more... [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'... [24] He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant!... [29] ...everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away... [Matt 25:14-30 ESV]

[2] ...God, who never lies,... [Tit 1:2 ESV] [18] ...it is impossible for God to lie,... [Heb 6:18 ESV]

[44] ...the devil, ...He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. [Jhn 8:44 ESV]

[25] ...they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator... [Rom 1:25 ESV]

[3] They bend their tongue like a bow; falsehood and not truth has grown strong in the land; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know me, declares the LORD. [4] Let everyone beware of his neighbor, and put no trust in any brother, for every brother is a deceiver, and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer. [5] Everyone deceives his neighbor, and no one speaks the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves committing iniquity. [6] Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit, they refuse to know me, declares the LORD. [7] Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: "Behold, I will refine them and test them, for what else can I do, because of my people? [8] Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaks deceitfully; with his mouth each speaks peace to his neighbor, but in his heart he plans an ambush for him. [9] Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the LORD, and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this? [Jer 9:3-9 ESV] [See also Mic 6:9-15]

[16] There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: [17] ...a lying tongue... [18]... [19] a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers. [Pro 6:16-19 ESV]

[5] A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness breathes out lies. ... [25] A truthful witness saves lives, but one who breathes out lies is deceitful. [Pro 14:5, 25 ESV]

[5] A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will not escape. [Pro 19:5 ESV]

[6] You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. [Psa 5:6 ESV]

[7] No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes. [Psa 101:7 ESV]

[4] ...It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, [5] and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless. [Rev 14:4-5 ESV]

[9] Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices [10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. [Col 3:9-10 ESV]

[1] But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, [2] and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. [3] But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? [4] ...Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." [5] When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it... [Act 5:1-6 ESV]