

1 **THE PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM**

Sermon 20
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 Luke 16:1-13

2 **TRUE SONSHIP**

- The gospel reorients our whole lives. We are now a NEW CREATION and the Holy Spirit begins his transformative work.
- God's image, before mangled, is being transformed and renewed so that we will be like Christ.
- The Old Man and the New Man are both present in our one body, but there is coming a day where we are freed.

3 **LUKEWARMNESS**

- What Christians mean ...
- What happened in Laodicea
- What Jesus says about "lukewarmness"
 - In one sense, we are all lukewarm (NO-ONE lives lives FULLY for Christ)
 - In another sense, no Christian can live "lukewarm", because God must be our ultimate organizing principle if we are truly believers in Christ.
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Luke 16:13 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."

5 **I. Because There's No Such Thing As A Lukewarm Christian, Be Certain Who You're Serving. (:13)**

- Everyone serves someone
- No-one serves more than one

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Luke 16:10-12 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?"

8 **II. Because There's No Such Thing As A Lukewarm Christian, Be Faithful In Your Service. (:10-12)**

- A. Jesus points out that Your faithfulness to God and to his Kingdom is demonstrated in little things. (:10)
- B.
- B. If you are faithful in being a steward of this earthly world's treasures, you will someday be entrusted with other worldly riches. (:11-12)
- C.

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ESV Luke 16:1-9 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³ And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' 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?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

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⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

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III. Because There Is No Such Thing As A Lukewarm Christian, Be As Shrewd With Your Earthly Treasures As Those Who Are Lost. (:1-9)

A. Jesus uses the form of argument here, from the evil to the good. (:1-9)

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B. Notice what the Unrighteous Steward did

- He knew judgment day was coming
- He prepared for that day by using his power NOW to affect his position THEN.
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