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☞ Luke 16: 1-9

☞ Most of us are probably surprised by the attitude of the dishonest manager's boss

☞ Society will be outraged by such irresponsible, dishonest, crooked behavior.

☞ Before losing his job, the manager called in all the people he knew who had debts with his master. He reduced each one's debt and sent the debtors away with hearts full of gratitude.



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☞ Interesting Parable

☞ We need to be honest in approaching this story – no one really knows what Jesus intended by telling this curious little tale.

☞ So any interpretation of this story must be held cautiously and humbly.



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- œ The story of “The Dishonest Manager” follows immediately after the story of “The Prodigal Son.”
- œ The two stories contain a number of important parallels that can probably give us some clue and help us understand the story better.

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- œ Both stories are almost identical in their situation
- œ “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was **squandering** his property.” (Luke 16:1)
- œ Jesus says, “A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he **squandered** his property in dissolute living.”

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- œ In both faced with the question of how they will meet their basic needs.
- œ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.” (Luke 15:14-16)
- œ “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.” (Luke 16:3,4)



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- œ Both men have exactly the same problem unsure about their ability to provide for themselves the basic necessities of life.
- œ Both men come up with a similar solution to their crisis.
- œ Both men look for a place where they will be taken in.
- œ Both men look for a place that will welcome them.



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- œ The point is to indicate that, both came to realize the importance of having a place of shelter, a place where he would be welcome, a place to call home.
- œ Jesus concludes the story by saying, “I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.”



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∞ 1. Eternal Home

∞ If this home is so important, how would we approach it?

∞ How marvelous is this home. It is lasting, existing forever and without end

∞ Have you ever imagine how this home looks like?



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☞ Rev 21: 18-21 - *The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.*



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œ Don't you look forward to go to this home? "What a day that will be..."

œ John 14:1-2 - *Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?*



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- œ A house remain only a house if there is no occupant.
- œ To be the occupant there we need to inherit eternal life

2. Eternal Life

- œ How is it going to be like?



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☞ 1:1 - heavens & earth created

☞ 1:16 - Sun created

☞ 1:5 - Night established

☞ 1:10 - The seas created

☞ 3:14-17 - The curse announced

☞ 3:19 - Death enters

☞ 3:24 - Man driven from
paradise

☞ 3:17 - Sorrow & pain

☞ 21:1 - New heavens & earth

☞ 21:23 - No need for sun

☞ 22:5 - No night there

☞ 21:1 - No more seas

☞ 22:3 - No more curse

☞ 21:4 - No more death

☞ 22:14 - Man restored to paradise

☞ 21:4 - No more tears or pain



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- œ How can we get there?
- œ At the beginning of the story the Dishonest Manager's priorities is not in order.
- œ He is not being faithful and responsible to the master who had entrusted to him.
- œ As events unfold in the manager's life, his priorities shift for which he is commended.

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- œ What can stop us?
- œ Fail to have awareness and admit that we are all guilty.
- œ The dishonest manager and the prodigal son is not someone else but is each one of us.
- œ None of us is innocent and yet we are welcomed.



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⌘ What can stop us?

⌘ Pharisees says, He welcomed “sinners” and ate with them.

⌘ The elder son in the story of the “Prodigal Son” reminds us that the only way to stay out of the kingdom is to exclude ourselves by claiming to be righteous.



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∞ What can stop us?

∞ Lies from Satan

∞ Challenges and Difficulties

∞ Perseverance and Hard work



