

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"God Is Speaking"
Luke 16:14-18
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Luke 16:13-14

Luke 16 Theme - The Use & Abuse Of Money: "A call to be wise and generous with the resources that God has entrusted to us."

Two Types Of People: Those Who Receive The Message And Those Who Won't.

Thought Of Our Passage: "Kingdom Living Seeks To Please God Not People Through Obedience To God's Word"

- 1. Verses 14-15 Misunderstanding Of Possessions:**
- 2. Verse 16 The Misunderstanding Of The Kingdom:**
- 3. Verses 17-18 The Misunderstanding Of The Law:**

1. Verses 14-15 Misunderstanding Of Possessions:

Luke 16:14 Now the Pharisees, Context – Now Luke 16 Religious were upset that Jesus would receive sinners! Now Luke 17 Religious are upset because Jesus is confronting the subject of the love of money! Luke 16:13

Pharisees, "separate ones, to separate" who were lovers of money, Luke 16:13

lovers of money, it means "*the desire to have more than one's fair share, a boundless grasping after more, a craving for more of what you have enough of already*" **Opposite of contentment! covetousness – Greed**

The 10th Commandment Exodus 20:17 When we covet, we will break all the other commandments.

Book of Proverbs, great dividing line between righteous and evil people.
Proverbs 21:26

The Pharisees apparently regarded money as their rightful reward for their faithful observance of the law. Psalm 39:6

When they gave, they sounded a trumpet (Matthew 6:2)
1 Timothy 6:9-10

were listening to all these things, Luke 16:1 Now He was also saying to the disciples, Jesus is teaching His disciples, but the Pharisees were listening in.

and they were scoffing at Him. term **scoffing** – *"to mock, they sneered at Him" (The Greek word means "to turn up one's nose")*

Proverbs 10:22

The Pharisees refused to accept that the love of God and money were incompatible: (Arguing Against God's Word Never goes well!)

They were challenging Jesus' authority! What right does Jesus have to demand such things!

Luke 16:15 Jesus Exposed Their Love Of Money: And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, Jesus now exposes religious as using man as their standard, man as their covering. John 5:44; Matthew 23:14

but God knows your hearts; *"sees through you"* That is true judgment!

detestable – There isn't a more intense word that Jesus could use, *"abomination, that which causes horror and disgust"* **Proverbs 16:5**

2. Verse 16 The Misunderstanding Of The Kingdom:

Luke 16:16 "The Law basically the Old Testament

and the Prophets persons gifted at exposition divine truth (speaking truth)

were proclaimed until John; John the Baptist brought a great transition in time. John broke the silence of 400 years as a prophet sent from God.

The Law and the Prophets were "until John," for John introduced the Savior to the nation and announced the arrival of the kingdom. The Pharisees prided themselves in their faithful obedience to the Law of Moses, but they did not receive the Savior of whom Moses wrote!

When your life is controlled by the love of money, you open the door to every kind of sin.

New Era Has Come: since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, Matthew 3:1-2

and everyone is forcing his way into it. (ESV Bible) *"everyone is forcefully urged into it," or "all who will, press their way into it"*

Vast crowds were attending and obeying and making every effort to enter the narrow door - Luke 13:24

3. Verses 17-18 The Misunderstanding Of The Law:

Luke 16:17 "But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail. God's Word is sure that what God has declared will come to pass.

1 Peter 1:23; Matthew 5:17-20

Verse 18 Permanence Of The Law Illustrated: Luke 16:18

Why did Jesus speak about divorce and remarriage when His basic discussion was regarding covetousness?

- 1. In most marriages and divorces, money is involved.**
- 2. Jesus is speaking of obedience/commitment to God's authority.**

Matthew 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12 Gives a detailed, full account of Jesus Christ's teaching on Marriage and Divorce.

Matthew 5:31-32; Abbreviated version Here Luke 16:18

Matthew 19:3-9

Verses 4-6 Jesus gives 7 Principles Regarding Marriage:

- 1. Divine Institution** - (Created) God made marriage before the church, government
- 2. Marriage consists of - (Male and Female) Monogamist Relationship**

Matthew 19:5 (Genesis 2:24)

- 3. Marriage Involves Leaving - starting a new unit**
- 4. Marriage Is Permanent - (cleave) Literally "to glue together," melt together.**
- 5. Marriage Involves Consummation - One flesh - sexual union**

Matthew 19:6

- 6. Marriage Is The Highest Of All Relationships - above children, (no longer two)**
- 7. Marriage Is Non-Divisible - "Let no man separate" no divorce - inseparable**

"Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery;

Matthew 19:8 He said to them, "**Because of your hardness of heart**

Genesis 2:23-25

Deuteronomy 24:1-4 The debate was over the word "**Indecency**" - "nakedness, *impurity*"

There were 2 Schools of Thought During Jesus' Day:

1. Rabbi Hillel – (Liberal) The grandfather of Gamaliel. He was Saul's teacher.

Rabbi Akiba – "*a man could divorce his wife if he found a woman more fairer*"

2. Rabbi Shammai – (Conservative) grave sin - sexual sin, possibly shameful exposure.

Hardness of Heart: Pride - Selfishness - Unforgiveness - Bitterness -

Divorce is "Permitted" not "Commanded." Two exceptions God Permits divorce:

Exception #1 Adultery: Matthew 19:9 "*ongoing adultery, habitual*"

Exception #2 Abandonment (Desertion): 1 Corinthians 7:15

Remarriage After An Unbiblical Divorce Is Adultery: and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

Book by Jay E. Adams "Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible"

Application:

1. The Pharisees Refused To Accept Jesus' Word That The Love For God And Money Were Incompatible. Arguing Against God's Word Never Turns Out Well.
2. Genuine Faith And Obedience To The Law And The Prophets Will Lead One To Making Every Effort To Enter The Narrow Door, Placing Our Faith In Jesus.
3. God's Law Is Sure, What God Has Declared Will Come To Pass. Marriage Is God's Illustration Of The Ongoing Relevance Of His Law.