

**Luke 16:1-13 – Jesus addresses the Disciples**

1. In chapter 16, mark the words riches, wealth, and money with the same markings.
2. Consider the meaning of unrighteous (ἀδίκία = *adikia*). Compare it with lawless (ἀνομία = *anomia*).
3. Make note of whenever the word faithful is used and look up its meaning. How is faithful different than being consistent or persevering?
4. As you examine vs. 1-13, what is the concluding message of this segment? In what way does it connect to vs. 14-18? Or does it not?

**Luke 16:14-18 – Jesus addresses the Pharisees**

5. Jesus said that the Pharisees were “lovers of money.” What does this tell you about how they lived? (cf. 2 Timothy 3:2-5) At what point does He finish addressing them?
6. What does it mean that the Pharisees sought to “justify” themselves in the sight of men.? (v. 15) (cf. Luke 18:9)
7. What are the “things that are highly esteemed among men”? (v. 15)
8. Look up the word “detestable.” What does this tell you about the Pharisees and YHWH?

9. Some scholars remove vs. 16-18 to other places in the gospel accounts (*eg. Moving v. 16 to follow Mt. 11:11-3; or Lk. 7:29-30; or moving v. 17 to follow Mt. 5:17-18; or moving v. 18 to follow Mt. 19:8-9 or Mk. 10:5-12*) because they think it makes the reading flow smoother between v. 15 and v. 19 and have greater continuity. What might be an argument against this view?
  
10. Verse 16 says that the Law and the prophets were proclaimed until John the Baptizer, and “since that time the gospel of the Kingdom of God has been preached.” What does this statement tell you about the Kingdom of God? And, in what ways was “everyone forcing his way into it”?
  
11. What does the phrase mean, “for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail”? What would that look like? (v. 17) Why does Jesus make a reference to the Law here?
  
12. Why do you think that Jesus concluded this address to the Pharisees with v. 18?