

30/7/17: "Friends by the Mammon of Unrighteousness"

Verses: Luke 16:1-9; Is 64:6; Rom 3:21-26

God has made known through His word and all of creation, His infinite love and mercy, this parable unpacks another dimension of the characteristics of this mercy. No man, woman or child can appreciate the infinite reach of the grace that has been poured out upon mankind, I would go as far as to suggest that the unjust steward's effort to mask his fraudulent behaviour could be synonymous with the effort that we put into covering our own sin. The master did not condone the dishonest servant's actions, he did however admire the servants resolve, grit and determination in doing everything he possibly could to ensure his survival.

"To those who have squandered His goods, Christ still gives opportunity to secure lasting riches. He says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." "Provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth." Luke 6:38; 12:33. "Charge them that are rich in this world, ... that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19. COL 374.4

Reflection: Even though our righteousness is considered as filthy rags does it make our effort any less? What should our effort look like? How important is being right with God to you? what concerns you more the worries of today or the affairs of heaven?

Further Reading: Christ's Object Lessons p366-375

31/7/17: "To Meet the Bridegroom"

There is no reading today, however in closing read the solemn message that Christ delivered to the disciples on the condition of the world in these last days. Take a few moments to consider that whilst the world is in a state of utter darkness there is one who brought the world to life and wants to bring you to life this day, He died that you might have life eternal and abundant.

Further Reading: Christ's Object Lessons p405-421