Part 1: Jesus Teaches on Wealth
Luke 16

This seems to be a continuation of Jesus' teaching session started in Luke 15. If so, there would be listening publicans and _____, Pharisees and _____, along with His faithful disciples. Jesus now moves to the subject of _____. He realizes the strong hold riches can place on the heart of man. He speaks first to His disciples and then to the need of the Religious Leaders. The story of the rich man and Lazarus is part of the lesson for the Pharisees.

I. Jesus Teaches about Wealth to the Disciples

- **Parable of Cheating Steward**

"And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward (Lit. - _____; and the same was accused (Lit. - _____) unto him that he had wasted his goods. 2And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. 3Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig (Lit. - _____); to beg I am ashamed." Luke 16:1-3

The Shrewd Steward's Problem:

"I am _____ what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. 5So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? 6And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down _____, and write fifty. 7Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. 8And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely:…" Luke 16:4-8a

The Shrewd Steward's Plan:

The lord's Commendation:

- **Jesus' Application**

"…for the children of this _____ are in their generation wiser than the children of _____. [9]And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon (Lit. - _____) of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. [10] He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. [11]If therefore ye have not been faithful in the _____ mammon, who will commit to your trust the _____ riches? [12]And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? [13] No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye _____ serve God and mammon." Luke 16:8b-13

"the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" –

"Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness" –

1. **Learn how to _____ money.**

2. **Learn to _____ money.**

3. **Learn to _____ thriftily.**

4. **Learn to _____ money.**

5. **Learn that money has _____ power!**

"that, when they fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations" –

Faithful in least → Faithful in much vs. unjust in least → unjust in much –

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon" –

Who will you……
→ Serve & Love & Hold

→ Hate & Despise

II. Reaction of the Listening Pharisees

"And the Pharisees also, who were covetous (Lit. - _____), heard all these things: and they derided (Lit. - _____) him." Luke 16:14

III. Jesus' Rebuke of the Pharisees' Covetousness

"And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God _____ your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." Luke 16:15

"God knoweth your hearts" –

"abomination in the sight of God" –

IV. Jesus' Rebuke of the Pharisees' Rejection of the Law

"The law and the prophets were until _____: since that time the kingdom of God is _____, and every man presseth into it. [17]And it is _____ for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Luke 16:16-17

"kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it" –

"one tittle of the law to fail" –

- **Example of their Rejection of the Law**

"Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth _____: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth _____." Luke 16:18

Believers' Application:

1. The truth about God's plan for marriage and divorce.

2. Is money your master? Does it master you or do you master it?