



# THE PITFALLS OF THE RICH AND INFAMOUS

## The Story of the Unjust Steward

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Text: **Luke 16:1-13**

Introduction: In **Luke 15**, Jesus responded to the murmuring of the Pharisees and scribes, about His fellowship with sinners, by telling three parables: the lost sheep (vs.1-7), the lost coin (vs.8-10), and the “prodigal” or lost son (vs.11-32). Now Jesus turns to His disciples to teach for a moment. He takes this opportunity to teach a parable that is complex and often misunderstood. What can we learn from it? Let’s seek out the truth as we study it together. . . .

Discussion:

I. Rich vs. Poor

**Luke 6:20, Luke 7:22, Luke 14:12-14, Luke 18:22, Luke 21:2-4**

II. The Master vs. The Steward

**Revelation 2:13, John 8:44, Matthew 3:7, Exodus 22:25, Deuteronomy 23:19, I John 4:1-9**

III. Deviance vs. Integrity

**Isaiah 5:21, Matthew 10:16, Malachi 1:6, Ephesians 6:5-8, Luke 12:14-17**

IV. Earthly Rewards vs. Heavenly Rewards

**Matthew 6:20-21, I Timothy 1:10, Hebrews 13:5, Luke 16:8, I Timothy 6:17**

Conclusion: The heart of this story is about stewardship. The Lord holds us accountable and desires for us to be good stewards. The shrewd steward was rewarded and commended by his master for being unrighteous. When we are wise stewards we will be rewarded and commended by our Master for being righteous. Honesty and good works will always be rewarded by God. Are you worried about your riches? Are you a good Christian steward? Are you full of integrity? Are you concerned about spiritual things? Are you looking forward to heavenly rewards? May God help us to avoid the pitfalls of the rich and infamous!

WORD OF THE DAY = “**STEWARD**”