

Trust, the Key to Successful Living

Luke 16:1-13

Can God Trust Me?

Last week we asked ourselves the question, "Can I trust God?" Today we want to continue walking down the trust road and ask a great question, "If I can trust God, can He trust me?"

Remember we discovered that God's gifts are generous, His care is constant, and yes, He is trustworthy. Anybody who has raised teenagers has had to work on the trust factor. Can I trust you to go where you said you are going? Can I trust you to be back on time? . . . When they did what they said, you gave them more trust. When they didn't, you pulled back.

It is the same way with God and the question for us today is,
Can He Trust Us?

The story of the foolish steward follows the story
of the prodigal son.

Chapter 15 – Wrong attitudes about _____

Chapter 16 – Wrong attitudes about _____

I. The _____ of the foolish steward. v.1,2

A. The reasons why we are accountable to God:

1. He is the _____. I am the _____.
2. The owner has _____ of the manager.

Areas of expectations:

- a. _____ Romans 2:1
- b. _____ Luke 14:33
- c. _____ Ephesians 5:15-17
- d. _____ 1 Peter 4:1
- e. _____ 1 Thessalonians 2:4

II. The _____ of the foolish steward. v.3

- A. He had to make some changes _____!
1. When we _____ enough we will change.

III. The _____ of the foolish steward. v.3

- A. He began to conduct his business affairs in a _____
manner.

Lessons learned from this story . . .

1. Use your opportunities _____. v.8,9
2. Trust must be _____. v.10-12
3. Trust can be _____. v.10-12

Personal Inventory

Have I given myself to God?

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| a. Just Sunday's | b. When convenient |
| c. Most of the time | d. Completely |

Does God have ownership of my life?

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| a. Just the leftovers | b. About half |
| c. All but money | d. The majority |

Gifts – Do I know my two spiritual gifts?

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| a. Yes | b. No |
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Am I using time for God's glory?

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| a. I used to | b. I'm going to | c. Yes! |
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The good news – Do I let my light shine for God?

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| a. My batteries dead | b. I keep it on dim |
| c. My 'brights' are on all the way | |

Be _____ devoted to God.
Can He trust you? You can trust Him!