

## “Parable of steward who squandered rich man's property”

### What does this parable mean.

Our Mother Mary offered Her Son to the Father. We need to learn from this because this is how we should pray by offering Her Son to the Father.

In the Gospel of Luke, using the New American Bible, is a parable that needs to be explained concerning "Dishonest Wealth". In the Revised Standard Version, the Words are ""unrighteous mammon".

Lk 16:1 Then Jesus also said to His disciples, “A rich man had a steward who was reported to him *for squandering his property.*

<sup>16:2</sup> He summoned him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, *because you can no longer be my steward.*’

<sup>16:3</sup> The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? *I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg.*

<sup>16:4</sup> I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.’

<sup>16:5</sup> He called in his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

<sup>16:6</sup> He replied, ‘One hundred measures of *olive oil.*’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.’

<sup>16:7</sup> Then to another he said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘One hundred kors *of wheat.*’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.’

<sup>16:8</sup> And the master commended that dishonest steward for *acting prudently.* “For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

<sup>16:9</sup> I tell you, *make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth,* so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>16:10</sup> The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.

<sup>16:11</sup> If, therefore, *you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?*

<sup>16:12</sup> *If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?*

<sup>16:13</sup> No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

<sup>16:14</sup> The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things and sneered at him.

<sup>16:15</sup> And He said to them, “You justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts; for what is of human esteem is an abomination in the sight of God.

The meaning of this parable is this: the rich man is the Holy Trinity. God's creation, the human race, are His stewards or servants. We have been given an intelligence called our souls. The will of God can't be overridden by man, God created us as His servants. The Father's Plan is not to remain idol but place His Plan into action. However all of us fall far short of His Plan. Thus we have squandered God's property, which is our souls. So who are those that realize they have squandered God's "property"? The answer is given in the parable. It's those who know about a place called "purgatory". The word purgatory is not found in the Bible, but it can be proven by the parables and will be proven in the appropriate lesson. "Purgatory" is the place where our promissory notes are paid off. However souls can't payoff their notes by labor (digging). "Begging" doesn't pay off the note either. So if we can't work ourselves out of purgatory or beg our way out, what can we do? Those on the outside, the living, can pray for those in purgatory now. Except for the First Watch Saints, everyone else must enter into purgatory. Why? Because they didn't fulfill the required duties as servant. Our neighbor is our duty and we are required to practice mercy and charity.

In purgatory each soul has debts to pay represented as a promissory notes. A

partial payment on their debts can be made by us. The symbolism is this, the oil represents mercy and the wheat represents charity. We have all fallen far short of these virtues and thus we will have debts to pay. We can reduce part of the burden of those suffering in this place called purgatory. We have the power to reduce the "oil" and "wheat" debts called promissory notes. What do we need to pay part of these debts? We need "dishonest wealth". Let it first be said that we have no true wealth of our own. Our actions as servants have no true value or wealth. We are actually worthless servants. Only Jesus and His Passion is real wealth and represented as gold. His Passion is our gold in which we can offer to the Father. By offering Jesus' Passion we can reduce the debt owned by those in purgatory.

The best way to reduce their debts is to offer the Holy Mass. With a small donation to the church, we can have Masses said for the died. Having Masses said will accomplish this parable. We can also offer a prayer by saying, "Eternal Father, we offer the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your most beloved Son, in atonement for our sins and the sins of the world." Eternal Father remember the souls in purgatory and reduce their debts. ***Thus God is calling our intercessions using "dishonest wealth" as being prudent even though we have failed at being God's servant.*** By making friends with "dishonest wealth", we have made friends with it. So few make Jesus and His Passion their "dishonest wealth". It's so sad that the "children of light" which are Catholics have failed to offer Masses

for the souls in purgatory. But the children in this world, which are those that love earthly riches, are far more prudent with their business dealing than religious. Rich people are prudent in dealing with the rich to become richer. But religious people are remiss in using "dishonest wealth" in reducing the debts of those in purgatory.

By offering the "Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity" of Jesus to the Father for the souls in purgatory, we reduce the debts of those in purgatory. But also we have made friends with those we intercede for. We become benefactors because they can reduce our debts when we are in purgatory. "They will welcome us in their new homes, which is referring to heaven".

After death each of us will be held accountable for our stewardship. We will find out quickly that we have fallen far short of our duties. However God in His mercy has given us ways to reduce our "promissory notes".

In review, we can reduce the debts of others who died by offering the Passion of Jesus. We benefit them and also benefit ourselves by making friends in heaven. The parable is telling us to become friends with "dishonest wealth" before we are held accountable for our stewardship.

We can serve God first or serve the world's wealth. So many people will sneer at this because they love riches. But riches are an abomination to God even though riches are esteemed by man.

If a soul died 20 years ago, the Masses said 20 years later have the same effect if said 1 day after their death. No limits should ever be placed on God, He knows all things. God knows every Mass and prayer said, all have the same weight no matter when they occur. So never stop remembering the dead.

The parable says if we can't be trusted with dishonest wealth, how can we be trusted with true wealth. This riddle has to do with the First Watch Saints also called the 144,000. The 144,000 have the opportunity to gain true wealth by taking on the sorrows of souls going through the Final Test. This subject will be dealt with in another lesson.

The Holy Mother knew by the infused science that God had given Her a perfect offering in Her Son. Our Queen knew She had no real wealth of Her own. But after His incarnation, when the Word became Man in Her womb, She had an offering to God that was perfect. Let's learn from this lesson and use our new found knowledge and offer His Passion for the souls who have died. Also we can offer the Passion of Jesus for any petition.