

Luke 16:1-31 Chiasm

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1A) 16:1-13 No man can serve two masters (i.e., **WHEN MAMMON IS YOUR MASTER**);

1a) 16:1-8a **The parable of the unjust steward;**

1a) 16:1 And He said also to His disciples, There was a certain rich man, who had a steward; who was accused of wasting his master's goods (i.e., **he had done unwisely**);

1b) 16:2 And he called him, and said to him, How is it that I hear this of you? Give an account of your stewardship; for you may no longer be steward (i.e., **the lord condemned his steward**);

1c) 16:3-4a Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? For my lord takes the stewardship away from me; I cannot dig; and I am ashamed to beg. **4 I am resolved what to do;**

central axis) 16:4b *So that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses;*

2c) 16:5-7 So **he called every one of his lord's debtors** to him, and said to the first, How much do you owe my lord? **6** And he said, A hundred measures of oil. And he said to him, Take your bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. **7** Then said he to another, And how much do you owe? And he said, A hundred measures of wheat. And he said to him, Take your bill, and write eighty;

2b) 16:8a And **the lord commended the unjust steward;**

2a) 16:8b Because **he had done wisely;**

1b) 16:8c-9 For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. **9** And I say to you, Make for yourselves **friends by the mammon of unrighteousness**; that, when you fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations;

central axis) 16:10 **He who is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much, and he who is unjust in the least is unjust also in much;**

2b) 16:11-12 If therefore you have not been **faithful in the unrighteous mammon**, who will commit to your trust the true riches? **12** And if you have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

2a) 16:13 **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. You cannot serve God and mammon;

1B) 16:14-15 The Pharisees, who were covetous, **DERIDED HIM**;

1a) 16:14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things, and **they derided Him**;

1b) 16:15a And He said to them, You are they who **justify yourselves before men**;

central axis) But God knows your hearts;

2b) 16:15b For that which is highly **esteemed among men**;

2a) 16:15c Is **an abomination in the sight of God**;

1C) 16:16A THE LAW and the prophets were until John;

CENTRAL AXIS) 16:16B SINCE THAT TIME THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS PREACHED, AND EVERY MAN PRESSES INTO IT;

2C) 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of **THE LAW** to fail;

2B) 16:18 Whoever puts away his wife, and marries another, commits adultery: and whoever marries her who is put away from her husband commits adultery (i.e., Faithfulness in marriage: divorce, adultery **ESTEEMED BY MEN** but an abomination to God);

2A) 16:19-31 Parable of the rich man and Lazarus (i.e., **WHEN MAMMON IS YOUR MASTER**);

1a) 16:19-23 The rich man, upon his death, was in **torment in hell**;

1a) 16:19-22a The beggar **Lazarus** was **carried to Abraham's bosom** upon his death;

1A) 16:19 There was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day (i.e., **HIS PROSPEROUS LIFE**);

1b) 16:20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who was laid at his gate, **FULL OF SORES**;

CENTRAL AXIS) 16:21A AND DESIRING TO BE FED WITH THE CRUMBS WHICH FELL FROM THE RICH MAN'S TABLE;

2b) 16:21b Moreover the dogs came and licked **HIS SORES**;

2A) 16:22A And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom (i.e., **HIS COMFORT IN DEATH**);

central axis) 16:22b-23a The rich man also died, and was buried; 23 and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments;

2a) 16:23b And saw Abraham afar off, and **Lazarus in his bosom**;

1b) 16:24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and **send Lazarus**, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame;

central axis) 16:25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and you are tormented;

2b) 16:26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who would pass from here to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from there;

2a) 16:27-31 Lest the rich man's brothers also come to the place of torment;

1a) 16:27-28 Then he said, I pray you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers; that he may testify to them, lest they also come into this place of torment;

1b) 16:29a Abraham said to him, They have Moses and the prophets;

1c) 16:29b Let them hear them;

central axis) 16:30 And he said, No, father Abraham: but if one went to them from the dead, they will repent;

2c) 16:31a And he said to him, If they will not hear;

2b) 16:31b Moses and the prophets;

2a) 16:31c Neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.