First Baptist VENICE THE LAKEFRONT CHURCH

Two locations-One Church

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Today's Message:
Can God Trust Me?

Second Message in the Series-Trust-The Key to Successful Living

Luke 16:1-13 ESV

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

16 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' 3 And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will 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 he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

The question that God has for every one of us today is this: **Can I trust you?**

Wrong attitudes about p_____ Wrong attitudes about w_____

1. The Accountability of the Foolish Steward

Reasons why I am accountable to God:

He is the o_____; I am the m_____

The owner has e_____ of the manager.

Areas of expectation:

1. Ourselves Romans 12:1
2. P_____ Luke 14:33
3. T_____ Ephesians 5:15-17
4. Our Gifts I Peter 4:10
5. The G_____ I Thessalonians 2:4

2. The A_____ of the Foolish Steward (v.3)

3. The A_____ of the Foolish Steward (vv.4-7)

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE STORY:

1. Use your opportunities wisely
2. T_____ must be earned
3. Trust must be m_____

Personal Inventory - Areas of Accountability:

Myself - Have I given my life to God? If so, how much?

Just Sundays When convenient
Most of the time Completely

Possessions - Does God have ownership of things in my life?

Leftovers About half
All but money The majority

Gifts - Do I know my top three spiritual gifts?

Yes No

Am I using them for God's glory?

I used to I am going to YES!

The Good News - Do I let my light shine for Jesus Christ?

My battery's dead I keep it on dim Brightest all the way

4. Be wholly d_____ to God. (vs. 13)