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Greetings Friends and Family!

On July 29 we traveled to Machala, Ecuador with our oldest granddaughter, Bailey Wagner, who recently graduated from high school. She is going into the Air Force in November, and it was awesome being able to spend time with her doing what we like to do best!

Also accompanying us were Pastor Kent and Sheila Coates from Life Giving Church International in Raleigh, North Carolina. Together we held several meetings and a conference based on seeing yourself the way that the Holy Spirit sees you as opposed to the way that you see yourself according to carnal perceptions. "Mirror Mirror, on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?" The mirror of the flesh presents a disqualifying image, while the mirror of the Spirit presents an image that reflects the likeness of God.

How do we look at ourselves, and how do we see one another?



And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? Luke 16:12

Are We Wasting the Father's Goods?

Solomon was anointed king. He loved the Lord with all of his heart. God appeared to Solomon in a dream and told him that he would grant him whatever he wished. Solomon recognized that the people he was given rule over were God's number one priority. He did not take this position lightly. His one request was that he would have the wisdom to correctly represent God to the people that had been entrusted into his care. **1 Kings 3:8-9**

This pleased God! God gave him a wise and understanding heart and because his request was centered on the welfare of others rather than on himself, God blessed him with personal riches and honor. **1 Kings 3:10-13**

In **Luke 16:1-13** Jesus tells the parable of the rich ruler who relieved his steward of his duties because he was "wasting his goods." In other words, the rich ruler saw that his steward was mis-managing the things that he had charge over and he fired him!

The steward immediately began to think about how he was going to manage without a job. He decided that in order to survive, it would be necessary for him to befriend the people that he had once exercised authority over. He got rid of his "I am better than you" attitude. He went to them one by one at a time and offered to settle their debts for half of what they actually owed. When he did this, the rich ruler was immediately pleased with him saying that he had done wisely. If mishandling money was the point of concern, why was the ruler pleased when the steward forgave the debtors half of their debts? I believe that the ruler was pleased because the steward changed the way that he saw and dealt with the people in the kingdom!



Pictured with Pastors Kent and Sheila Coates of Raleigh, North Carolina, grand-daughter Bailey Wagner, and Pastors Alfonso and Lourdis Piedra of Machala, Ecuador

The people were the “goods” that the steward was wasting!

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust true riches? Luke 16:11

In other words, if the steward could not be faithful to minister love and compassion to those that he considered to be of less value than himself, how could the ruler trust him with his wealth?

The rich ruler represents God, and the steward represents us. Do we understand where the true riches of the kingdom lie? Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. God loves all people! It is by the grace of God that any of us are who we are. God is not a respecter of persons!

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Solomon was anointed king. He realized that the wealth of the kingdom was made up of the people. He did not take his position lightly. He was a faithful steward over God’s riches and God blessed him with personal wealth and honor.

We have been appointed kings and priests. **Revelations 1:6** We are stewards of the kingdom. God has entrusted us with the management of his riches. Do we have the same heart that Solomon had, or are we “wasting **[squander, separate, scatter]** the master’s goods **[possessions?]**”

You can read this lesson in its entirety on our website, www.christianseekingidentity.com

It is titled “You Can’t Serve God and Mammon” and it can be found by clicking on our newest teaching article section titled “Damnable Heresies.”

Upcoming Itinerary

August 26-Sept 15
Pastoral Seminars
and church ministry
Bogota and Cucuta
Colombia, SA

Sept 16-October 2
Limon and San Jose
Costa Rica
Managua, Esteli and
Chinandega, Nicaragua



Grand-daughter Bailey Wagner with the Indigenous Women who wove her a hat.

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