

Luka 16: 10-15; Mathayo 25:14

Uhai wetu wa kiroho ni jambo la Mungu; kwa sababu, chochote tunaweza kufikiri kinyume chake, kinazalishwa na kivutio chake cha kutosha, na majibu yetu ya unyenyekevu na ya kusahau. Inajumuisha kuvutia, kwa kasi yake, na kwa njia Yake, mahali ambako anataka tuwe; si mahali tulijishughulisha wenyewe (E. Underhill 1937).

Funguo linapatikana katika Luka 16: 10-12. Ni juu ya uaminifu. Fedha sio milki, ni imani: Mungu anawapa mali kwa watu na anatarajia kutumika kwa utukufu wake na ustawi wa watoto Wake, si kwa utukufu binafsi au uzuri. Pesa pia- kulingana na kifungu hiki-pointi zaidi ya yenyewe, na utajiri wa kweli unasubiri sisi katika maisha ijayo. Wao ni nini, hatuwezi kudhani; lakini wao ni 'utajiri wa kweli' ambao utakuwa wa kwetu, kwa namna fedha sivyo, ikiwa tunajifunza uaminifu hapa na sasa (N.T. Wright, 2001).

Hakuna kitu kama kupoteza kila kitu kukuponya wewe na hofu na kujifunza kuwa unayo, kila siku. Maisha yangu yujaa furaha! Ningependa ofisi halisi badala ya dawati katika sakafu yetu isiyojaa kikamilifu na nguo za nguo ambazo ninaweka soksi zangu? Hakika! Lakini iwapo ninao au sio tofauti kabisa na mimi: Hivi ndivyo ninavyo leo, na ninashukuru sana, hivyo ni kamili ya shukrani. Kesho ni daktari wa dhana na mlevi au kiini kidogo cha mwili mwilini changu kinaweza kuondokana na matarajio yoyote niliyokuwa nayo. Mimi nina neema tu leo, na katika kukubali maisha ya kupendwa. Niko huru (Wm. Paul Young, 2006)!

Ninawezaje kuwa mwaminifu zaidi kutumia rasilimali zilizopewa mimi kwa ajili ya Kristo na watoto Wake?

Wiki ijayo: 1 Timotheo 6: 6-11

Luke 16:10-15; Matthew 25:14

Our spiritual life is God's affair; because, whatever we may think to the contrary, it is really produced by His steady attraction, and our humble and self-forgetful response to it. It consists in being drawn, at His pace, and in His way, to the place where He wants us to be; not the place we fancied for ourselves (E. Underhill 1937).

The key is found in Luke 16:10-12. It's about faithfulness. Money is not a possession, it's a trust: God entrusts property to people and expects it to be used to His glory and the welfare of His children, not for private glory or glamor. Money also— according to this passage—points beyond itself, to true riches awaiting us in the life to come. What they are, we can hardly guess; but they are 'true riches' which really will belong to us, in a way money doesn't, if we learn faithfulness here and now (N.T. Wright, 2001).

There is nothing like losing everything to heal you of fear and to learn that you have enough, each day. My life is full of joy! Would I like an actual office rather than a desk in our crowded unfinished basement with clotheslines on which I hang my socks? Sure! But whether I have it or not makes absolutely no difference to me: This is what I have today, and I am so grateful for it, so full of thanksgiving. Tomorrow is a myth and drunk driver or a little wayward cell in my body could obliterate any expectation I could have. I only have grace for today, and in embracing a life being loved. I am FREE (Wm. Paul Young, 2006)!

How can I become even more faithful to use the resources entrusted to me for the sake of Christ and His children?

Next week: 1 Timothy 6:6-11

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Meneja mwaminifu

MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 130 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

Jumatatu: *Matendo 10: 34-43*

Jumanne: *1 Yohana 2: 1-17*

Jumatano: *2 Wakorintho 3: 2-3*

Alhamisi: *Luka 6: 27-36*

Ijumaa: *Luka 6: 37-42*

Jumamosi: *Luka 17:1-6*

Bwana Yesu Kristo, Uliahidi kuwa kamwe usiache au utuache.
Tufundishe siku kwa siku-tuzo kubwa ya uaminifu na zaidi ya
yote-tusaidie kujua daima malipo ya kuwa karibu na Wewe.

Katika Jina la Kristo, Amen.

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Faithful Stewards

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalm 130 (What is God saying to you?)*

Monday: *Acts 10:34-43*

Tuesday: *1 John 2:1-17*

Wednesday: *2 Corinthians 3:2-3*

Thursday: *Luke 6:27-36*

Friday: *Luke 6:37-42*

Saturday: *Luke 17:1-6*

Lord Jesus Christ, You promised never to forsake or leave us.
Teach us day by day—the deep reward of faithfulness and most
of all—help us to know always the reward of being near to You.

In the Name of Christ, Amen.