

Week 4 - ONE2023 Lent Notes:

The Parable of the Unjust Steward or The Parable of the **Dishonest Manager** is found between **the Parable of the Prodigal Son**, where the younger son squandered his father's inheritance and after **the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus**.

Observations from this parable:

1) The manager had ownership issues.

"... it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."

1 Corinthians 4:2 NRSV

2) The manager had accountability issues.

Isolation + pressure - accountability = danger.

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"Our false self always wants to escape accountability,...," "That goes back to the Garden of Eden. We want to live life on our own terms."

"Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save."

Psalms 146:3

3) This parable gives us hope – because it reminds us that with God, it's not too late.

God is establishing a new kingdom – **"the Kingdom of God"**
(mentioned 35 times in the Gospel of Luke.)

Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.

Luke 13:30

4) It's not too late to adjust your priorities

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Luke 16:13

Reflection questions:

- 1. What is your spiritual plan?**
- 2. How might you use the resources God has placed in your hands to grow the Kingdom of God?**