

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why do we avoid being in the presence of someone who's proud and haughty?
2. In what ways do you sometimes attempt to exalt yourself?
3. What is humility? What is self-respect?
4. How do we justify ourselves?
5. How are we truly justified?

SUMMARY:

It is human to desire the highest place in any social function we may attend. How human to seek honor from others in the things which we may accomplish in this life. Often thieves and robbers are caught because they tell others of their great accomplishment, so that they may gain praise. How quickly one is ready to justify himself when confronted with his sin! How different is the way of the humble who walks through this life thinking more highly of his brother than himself, showing kindness, especially to the poor, praying always to God with a contrite, repentant heart, seeking God's mercy and forgiveness, and finding true justification through faith in his God!

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

August 5, 2018

Third Quarter

HUMILITY

LESSON TEXT: Luke 14:7-14; 18:9-14

LESSON SETTING: Probably in the vicinity of Jerusalem.

TIME: Approximately 33 A.D.

I. THE WAY OF THE PROUD. Luke 14:7-9

- A. Self-Exaltation. Obadiah 4; Mark 10:37
- B. Boasting. Proverbs 25:14; 27:1; James 4:16
- C. Ambition. Genesis 11:4

II. THE WAY OF THE HUMBLE. Luke 14:10-14

- A. Walk of Life. Micah 6:8; Romans 12:3
- B. Promise to be Greatest. Matthew 18:4
- C. Kindness to the Poor. Psalm 41:1; Proverbs 19:17

III. THE WAY OF SELF-JUSTIFICATION. Luke 18:9-12

- A. Self-Confidence. Proverbs 28:26; Matthew 26:33; 1 Corinthians 10:12
- B. Self-Righteousness. Proverbs 12:15; 30:12
- C. Self-Made Excuses. Matthew 25:44-45; Luke 14:18-20

IV. THE WAY OF TRUE JUSTIFICATION. Luke 18:13-14

- A. Prayer. Matthew 7:7; 26:41
- B. Contrition. Psalm 34:18; 51:17
- C. Seeks Mercy. Psalm 103:17; Titus 3:5
- D. Repentance. Acts 3:19; 17:30
- E. Confession of Sin. Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9
- F. Justification. Romans 5:1; 1 Corinthians 6:11

GOLDEN TEXT: *WHOSOEVER EXALTETH HIMSELF SHALL BE ABASED: AND HE THAT HUMBLETH HIMSELF SHALL BE EXALTED.*
Luke 14:11

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-21

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Malachi 3:8-12; Mark 12:41-44;
2 Corinthians 9:1-15

QUARTERLY THEME: Marks of a Christian

TOPIC: STEWARDSHIP

INTRODUCTION:

A steward is one who cares for the possessions of another, who has charge of or manages another's things. As Christians on this earth, we are God's stewards, to make the most of that which belongs to Him. All things are His. He loans to us what we think of as ours. They are in reality His, not ours. Without Him, we have nothing. Our health, wealth, time, possessions, talents, our very bodies are His. In order to be good and faithful stewards, we must do what He wants us to do with these possessions.

How can we know what His will is for us? Do we have the right to spend His money the way we wish? Do we have the right to endanger our health in earthly pleasures, to use our time or talents for our own enjoyment? How can we know what He wishes us to do? By looking up to Him and believing that He will show us. He will make all clear and give us the strength to obey if we but believe. In Philippians 2:13, Paul says, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Can we rest upon this?

CENTRAL TRUTH: Believers are stewards under God of all they own, all they are, and all they can become.

GOLDEN TEXT: IT IS REQUIRED IN STEWARDS, THAT A MAN BE FOUND FAITHFUL. 1 Corinthians 4:2

Some might feel, that having little of this world's goods, they could not be considered as stewards. Actually, we are all stewards in God's sight, in several different areas. When we received these earthly bodies as a temporary tabernacle, we were not to spend them in selfish dissipation, but in service to others and to God.

God also entrusted us with our souls, for as He said, "Behold, all souls are mine." (Ezekiel 18:4) Since a way of salvation is prepared, as good stewards we must preserve our souls to eternal life.

Any material possession with which we might be entrusted is also a gift of God, to be used according to His will.

Finally, when we receive and believe the Gospel, we should become stewards of the Grace of God, ready to share the spiritual blessings with others. As faithful stewards we should share God's gifts, that His Name might be glorified.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 6 – 12

- M. Our Privilege. Malachi 3:8-12
- T. The Lord's Advice. Luke 12:35-40
- W. The Lord's Warning. Luke 12:41-48
- T. Cheerful Giving. 2 Corinthians 9:1-7
- F. God's Provision. 2 Corinthians 9:8-15
- S. *True Gain. 1 Timothy 6:6-12
- S. *True Riches. 1 Timothy 6:13-21

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