

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#64 – “The Gospel Saves Us but Also Turns Our World Upside Down” – Luke 16:14-18

#### I. Introduction

A. Appearances can be deceiving.

1. The people of God may look the part and act the part but are not the part.

B. Old Testament condemnation for those who were not the part.

1. Isa. 1:11-16; Amos 5:21-23; Isa. 29:13; Jer. 7:4, 8-11, 16-20

C. The Pharisees were outwardly the part but loved money.

#### II. Exposition

A. Luke 16:14

1. They had just heard Luke 16:13.
2. They believed material prosperity was a sign of spiritual success.
3. If so, then Jesus failed the test.

B. Luke 16:15

1. This is actually a summary of false religion.
2. Nothing like the real thing – Romans 3:28; Gal. 2:16.
3. The Pharisees love of money covered a more serious problem.
  - a. Justifying of themselves rather than being justified by God.

4. “God knows what is really in our hearts,” Ryken.

5. Jesus calls the love of money an abomination.

C. Luke 16:16

1. The Pharisees used the law as a means of salvation.
2. 90% believe “God helps those who help themselves.”

D. Luke 16:17

1. The law will exist until the end of the world.
  - a. Matthew 5:17-18
2. The demands for right living, integrity, holiness and honesty, do not change.

E. Luke 16:18

1. You cannot set aside laws on divorce.
2. The Pharisees changed the meaning of the law to make it easier to follow thus destroying it.
3. The law cannot be kept. That is why we need Christ.

#### III. Points for Reflection.

- A. Compartmentalizing of the Christian faith always ends in the justification of sin.
- B. The Pharisees were lovers of money, but how do we know if we are, too?
- C. How do we force our way into the kingdom?