

Insights from Luke

#64: “The Gospel Saves Us but Also
Turns Our World Upside Down”

Luke 16:14-18

Introduction

They look the part
and act the part
but are not the part.

Luke 16:14

“¹⁴ Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him.”

Luke 16:13

“¹³ No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Luke 16:15

“¹⁵ And He said to them, ‘You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.’”

Romans 3:28

“²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”

Galatians 2:16

“¹⁶ Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.”

Luke 16:16

“¹⁶ The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.”

Luke 16:17

“¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.”

Matthew 5:17-18

“¹⁷ Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”

Luke 16:18

“¹⁸ Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.”

This is the essence of legalism – making a display of keeping the law, but in fact, destroying it.

Compartmentalizing of the Christian faith always ends in the justification of sin.

The Pharisees were lovers of money, but how do we know if we are, too?

How do we force our way into the kingdom?