

SUNDAY OF THE STEWARD

The Sunday of the Steward, instructs us to use one’s possessions prudently and wisely. Here, Jesus uses the example of a shrewd manager to reveal the foolishness of hoarding earthly riches. The lesson of the parable revolves around the shrewd manager realizing his own predicament, that he would be judged for the dishonest way he had handled his master’s possessions. He tried to obtain friends who would provide for his welfare later, by decreasing what was owed to his master. His shrewd action would guarantee his future welfare.

With this parable, Jesus is pointing out that everyone should follow this manager’s example. Instead of frantically holding on to one’s possessions that will soon disappear, people should give possessions away, especially to those in need [Luke 12:33]. Money will not last, but God’s Word and His Kingdom will.

ACROSTIC PUZZLE

Use the numbered clues to find the word to fill in the boxes.
Copy the letters from the shaded boxes to the space in the sentence.

1											The opposite of UGLY.
2											The opposite of YOUNG.
3											The opposite of FAST.
4											The day STAR.
5											The opposite of LATE.
6											It covers the beach.
7											The place where we LEARN.
8											The opposite of OUT.
9											The number before TWO.
10											The opposite of DAY
11											The opposite of WELL.

There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his _____.

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HELPING OTHERS

Sunday of the Unjust Steward | Gospel Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-31

In Jesus’s times the Pharisees considered wealth to be proof that someone was righteous and good. If somebody had lots of money and land, they not only thought that God had blessed them, but that they would definitely go to heaven when they died. Then Jesus told this parable which surely confuse them.

In the parable about the beggar, named Lazarus, and a rich man, Jesus explains that it is not wealth that determines if you are going to heaven, but what you believe and how you act. The rich man was a faithful Jew, as was the poor beggar, however, the rich man never helped the beggar. He ignored him and did not share his blessings with the beggar.

We see that when they die, the beggar goes to Abraham’s bosom (heaven) and the rich man goes to hell. The rich man doesn’t understand what had happened. He thought he had done everything right, but when he learns that the reason he was in hell was because he didn’t help the poor, namely Lazarus, he begs that Lazarus go to the rich man’s home and tell his brothers to care for the poor and help others so they don’t also end up in hell.

Abraham says that Lazarus won’t go because his brothers have the prophets of the Old Testament to tell them how to behave and live, but the rich man says if a dead person comes back to life, then for sure they will listen, but Abraham says if they don’t listen to the prophets, they won’t listen to someone who comes back from the dead – naturally referring to Jesus Christ.

The truth is we are all told and taught how to be good Christians and that we must take care of others, but we often ignore the cries of those in need. We think only about ourselves and the blessings that we deserve, not sharing with or helping others.

When have you ignored another person’s cries for help?

Have you ever only thought of yourself and not helped another in need?

ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

կերէք => ger-ek => eat!

Առէ՛ք, **կերէ՛ք** այս է մարմինս իմ...

Arek, **gerek**, ays eh marmeen eem...

Take, **eat**, this is my body...

(An example is on page 31 in the Liturgy Book)

FILL IN THE BLANK

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a _____ man whose _____ was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"Whoever can be _____ with very _____ can also be trusted with much, and whoever is _____ with very little will also be dishonest with _____. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

"No _____ can serve two _____. Either he will _____ the one and _____ the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both _____ and _____."

Luke 16:1-2, 10-13 (NIV)

dishonest	little	masters	rich
God	love	Money	servant
hate	manager	much	trusted

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SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

It is better to try and not succeed than not to try at all. If we try, there is a possibility that we could succeed; but if we do not try, there is not any possibility of success. God will not condemn the one who receives a wound on the path of faith, but [He will condemn] the one, who fearing being wounded.



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If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

Luke 16:31

Եթէ Մովսիսի եւ մարգարէիցն ոչ լսեն,
եւ ոչ եթէ ի մեռելոց ոք յառնիցէ, հաւանեացին:

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