

A Lesson for STEWARD SUNDAY on HONESTY

Theme: A Story for Steward Sunday

Object: A money bag

Scripture: "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much." Luke 16:10



Parée Looys!

One day Susie's mother sent her to the store to buy a loaf of bread. She gave Susie five dollars and told her she could keep the change. When Susie paid for the bread, the cashier accidentally gave her too much money back. Susie knew right away that it was too much money. What should she do? Should she tell the cashier that she had made a mistake, or should she just keep quiet? What would you do?

Hagop was going through the cafeteria line at school and looked down to see a ten-dollar bill on the floor. There was no way of knowing who had lost the money, and no one would ever know if he just picked it up and put it in his pocket. What should he do? What would you do?

Aram found a moneybag like this one containing \$350 on top of a coke machine at his school. Wow! That is a lot of money. Just think of all of the things you could do with \$350! What should Aram do? What would you do?

Every day we are faced with decisions that test our honesty. It may be a small amount of incorrect change, a dollar found on the floor, or a large amount of money such as Aram found at school. The amount of money is not important; it is a question of doing what is right.

One day Jesus told a parable about a rich man who accused his manager of wasting his money. He called him in and told to give an account of the way he had been managing his money. Sure enough, he had been taking some of the money for himself and cheating his employer.

Since the manager knew he was going to be fired, he came up with a plan that would make a lot of friends. He called the people who owed his boss money and asked them how much they owed. When they told them how much they owed, he told them they only had to pay a much smaller amount. As you can imagine, the people were very pleased to only have to pay a fraction of what they owed. The manager now had plenty of friends to help him when he no longer had a job.

Jesus told this story to show that "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much." If you and I make sure that we are honest in small things, then we can be sure that we will be honest in the big things. If people know that they can trust us in small things, they will know that they can trust us in the big things too.

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to remember what Your Son and our Lord Jesus taught about honesty -- and help us to be honest in every situation -- big or small. Amen.