

Only The Gospel Will Save You – Luke 16:14-18

Jesus has just finished scolding the people about their use of worldly wealth. He finished by challenging their relationship with God. You can't serve God and money.

I. Self-Righteousness Will Never Justify (14-15)

A. The Pharisees Justify Their Love of Money (14-15a)

1. The greedy Pharisees ridiculed him (14)
 - a. They heard his teaching on money
 - b. They loved money
 - c. They ridiculed Him
 - Money was seen as sign of righteousness
 - Wealth was seen as sign of blessing
2. The greedy Pharisees Justified Themselves (15a)
 - a. They looked for loopholes
 - b. They had good arguments
 - c. They wanted God and money

B. God Alone Justifies (15b)

1. God knows the heart
 - a. This is NOT a good thing
 - b. Sin comes from the heart Matt. 15:18-19
2. God judges the reality
 - a. Man looks and sees goodness, righteousness
 - b. God looks and sees abomination

C. No one Will be justified

II. God's Righteousness Will Justify (16-18)

A. The Gospel Has Come (16)

1. Full Revelation of Salvation Has come
 - a. Before the Law and the Prophets foreshadowed it
 - b. Now the Kingdom is Preached
2. Man Still Wants to Work His Way in

B. The Law Has Not Changed (17-18)

1. The Law of God will Never Become Void (17)
 - a. Heaven and Earth will pass before the Law
2. Divorce and Adultery Are Still Unlawful (18)

III. Who Then Can Be Justified?