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Faithful in the Least (Luke 16:10)

THE ROCK

THE LORD IS MY ROCK.

- PSALM 18:2

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1 Reflection on (Luke 16:10):

“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.”

By N.M.

In this verse, Jesus teaches us the importance of remaining faithful in little things, for what we do with little indicates what we will do with much. Jesus says this verse after telling His disciples the parable of the unjust steward, who wasted his master's goods and thereby lost his job. However, he decided to reduce the debts of everyone who owed his master so that they would appreciate him and take care of him in their houses when he no longer could make money for himself. At the end of the parable, Jesus says, **“And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home” (Luke 16:9).** What He means when He says this is that we should be kind to everyone and help the poor and needy, for they may guide us towards life in God's eternal kingdom. We must be willing and ready to do good deeds for a stranger in need because how we treat one person is a reflection of how we treat everyone. Being faithful and righteous in *one* small aspect of our lives symbolizes faithfulness and righteousness in *every* aspect of our lives.

Jesus then goes on to apply this principle to wealth when He says, **“And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?” (Luke 16:12).** The wealth of this world is not our own; this verse stresses the importance of giving to the poor and needy because in doing so, we can prepare for what *is* our own, which is our life after death. The principle of little and much is not only applied



positively though, for being unjust and unrighteous in little also correlates to being unjust and unrighteous in much. This is why we must be careful, think before we act, and strive to always do good. We must question what Jesus Christ would do on a daily basis, for only by following His example of love—in both little and much—will we be able to spend our eternity with Him in Heaven.



2 *Reflection on (Luke 16:10):*

By B.K.

Jesus is telling us that whoever will be faithful in small matters will also be faithful in large matters. But he who is unfaithful in little matters, by cheating or stealing, will also do the same in matters much larger.

Do you recall what Judas Iscariot did? He used to steal what was put into the money box and eventually, he sold Jesus Himself (John 12:6, Matthew 26:15).

Being obedient to the Lord means being faithful in **everything** you do. It's not only the large crimes that count as disobedience to God; but anything that is against God's rules.

If you are so willing to disobey God, even in the small matters (by lying, hurting others, etc), how can you resist the temptations to disobey God in the big matters?

So let’s all try to be faithful in the small things, because learning to be faithful in less important matters will help us to be faithful in large matters as well. Don’t let the thought of “it’s not that big of a deal” capture you.



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