

**Mar. 18 - Scripture:** Luke 16: 1-18

*A verse that speaks to you:* 10: Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; 11: If, then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth?

*Observation:* I believe that God is instilling in us the great task of being trustful and trusting in others unless something has happened not to trust others. However, I feel that God is the only one a person can really trust in all matters. We may not get the response we want or the timing may not be ours, but God will always give us what we need, when we need it.

*Application:* "You cannot serve both God and money." I recently was faced with a situation of losing trust in the one worldly person I had trusted with money. When the money was lost and the relationship broken, I turned to God for help and guidance. I realized quickly that the money wasn't the important thing in this situation; it was the fact that I could trust God ONLY in ALL affairs in life. Worldly possessions and money were temporary things. God's love, patience, healing and trust would be there ALWAYS. I can make it in this world knowing I have God in my life.

*Prayer:* Dear God in Heaven: I pray that you will give me the patience and listening skills to hear what only YOU have to tell me. My trust and love for you grows daily when I realize that Your power and love will be with me always. Meaningless items will be let go replacing them with your love, comfort, and most importantly, Your trust. In the name of the most High. Amen.

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