

TITLE AND NUMBER: 98. Trust



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Luke 16:10-13

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 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 one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

LOOKING FURTHER: Psalm 23, Psalm 37:1-6 , 2 Corinthians 4:1-2

What does this Bible passage tell us?

In this passage, Jesus is teaching us about our behaviour. When we are honest in our dealings with others, we will be trusted with more and trusted with true riches. The true riches include good relationships with friends and family, peace of mind and peace with God.

Some of you may have completed our *Sycamore Tree* course and remember Simon's story. He had been in and out of prison for many years, struggling with drug addiction. He realised that he needed help and entered rehab. Within months, he started volunteering and eventually ended up as a trained drugs worker helping others in prison to recover. Through this he learned about trusting those helping him and in turn others then trusted him.

Who do you trust and why? If we resist the temptation to be dishonest even in small ways - whether it is taking a small amount of sugar from chapel or extra food from the servery - we can build trust with those around us and be seen to be trustworthy.

Jesus is clear that we have a very real choice before us. By serving God we will learn how to grow in our trust of Him and others. And they can trust us in return!

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Reflections:

- When we are honest, we are trusted with more and trusted with true riches. Looking at the true riches listed above, which ones would you like to work towards this week?
- If you are struggling with temptations to be dishonest, pray about it and ask God for help. You can also seek help from chaplaincy.
- Simon recovered from drug addiction and was able to use his experience to help others. Who can you help?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

