

^{16.1} Jesus also began saying to his apprentices,

“There was a wealthy person, who had an economic-manager, and he attacked him for dispersing his possessions. ² Voicing, he said to him,

‘What is this that I hear about you? Give back the record of your economic-management, for you are not able to manage again.’

³ So the economic-manager said within himself,

‘What will I do, since my lord is taking the economic- management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am dismissive of begging. ⁴ I know what I will do, so when I am removed from economic-management they will embrace me into their homes.’

⁵ Calling each one of the needy, who were in debt to his own lord, he was saying to the first,

‘How much are you in debt to my lord?’

⁶ He said,

‘Forty thousand liters of olive oil.’

Then he said to him,

‘Take your document and, after sitting down, quickly write twenty thousand.’

⁷ Then to another he said,

‘How much are you in debt?’

He said,

‘Thirty thousand kilograms of grain.’

He said to him,

‘Take your document and write twenty-four thousand.’

⁸ Then that lord praised the unjust economic-manager, because he acted intelligently.

The children of this age are more intelligent than the children of the light in dealing with their own generation. ⁹ I say to you, use unjust money to make friends for yourselves, so, when it fails, they will take you into sustainable tents. ¹⁰ The one who is trustful with the least is also trustful with the greatest. The one who is unjust with the least is also unjust with the greatest. ¹¹ Therefore, if you are not trustful with what is unjust—that is money—how will you be trustful with what is true? ¹² If you are not trustful with the thing which belongs to another, who will give to you the thing which is yours? ¹³ No household-servant is able to be a slave for two lords. For she will disown the one and love the other or she will cling to one and look down on the other. You are not able to be a slave to the Creator and to money!”

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved silver and possessions, were hearing all these things and were ridiculing Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to them,

“You are those who are showing themselves to live-justly in the sight of humanity, but the Creator knows your hearts! For what is esteemed among humanity is detestable in the sight of the Creator! ¹⁶ The Torah and the prophets were till John. From then on, the Gospel of the Rule of the Creator is being declared and everyone is being forceful against it. ¹⁷ It is easier for heaven and earth to go by than for one point of the Torah to fall. ¹⁸ Whoever releases his woman and marries another is violating the sexual honor of both parties. Whoever marries the one released by a man is violating the sexual honor of both parties.

¹⁹ A person, who was wealthy and was wearing purple and expensive cloth, was celebrating luxuriously every day. ²⁰ A dirt-poor man, full of sores, with the name Lazarus, had been thrown before his gate ²¹ and was wanting to feed from the things falling from the table of the wealthy man. Even the dogs were coming to lick his sores. ²² The dirt-poor man died and was carried away by messengers to the side of Abraham. The wealthy man also died and was buried. ²³ Then, lifting up his eyes in the realm of the dead, while possessed with humiliation, he saw Abraham from far off and Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ Voicing, he said,

‘Father Abraham, have compassion on me! Send Lazarus so he will dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue! I am in distress within this flame!’

²⁵ But Abraham said,

‘Child, remember that you received your good things during your life and Lazarus likewise the harmful things! But now he is being restored while you are in distress. ²⁶ And with all these things, between us and you a great chasm has been made to stand firm so those wanting to go through to us are not able. They are not able to cross over from there to us.’

²⁷ Then he said,

‘Therefore I am requesting you, father, to send him to the house of my father, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, so he will thoroughly testify to them, lest they also come to this place of humiliation!’

²⁹ But Abraham said,

‘They have Moses and the prophets. They must listen to them!’

³⁰ But he said,

‘No father Abraham, if someone from the dead came to them, then they would transform!’

³¹ He said to him,

‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, then they will not be persuaded by one who has stood up from among the dead.’”