

The Family Table Devos

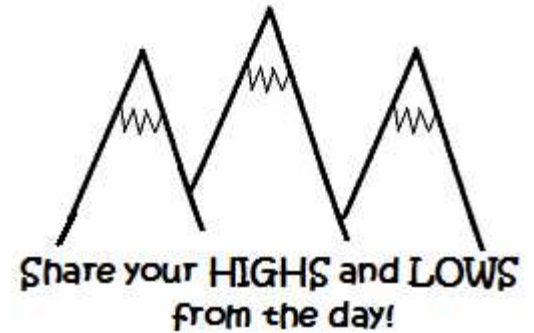
"Families practicing the presence of God with the Word of God on the week of September 23rd"

Bible Focus Luke 16:1-13

1 Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 2 So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' 3 "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— 4 I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' 5 "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 " 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.' 7 "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' " 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' 8 "The master complimented the dishonest manager because he had acted craftily. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. 10 "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. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? 13 "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

THE WORD OF THE LORD! **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

1. What did the rich man say to his manager when he found out that the manager was wasting his possessions?
2. Why was the manager scared to lose his job?
3. What did the manager do to find people to take him in?
4. How did the rich man react to the manager's plan?
5. Fill in the blanks: "Whoever can be ___ with very little can also be ___ with much, and whoever is ___ with very little will also be ___ with much."
6. Jesus tells us that no one can serve two masters. Think about it – if one master tells you to do one thing and another master tells you to do something different, who do you listen to? Either way you have to choose. There are a lot of people who want both **GOD** and **MONEY** to be their masters. This is impossible – either way you'll always have to choose between them. Which do you choose to serve? What can you do this week to prove it?



How do you think loving money can hurt a person?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

Make a list of things that get in your way of spending time with God as a family. This week pick one to give up in favor of spending 20 minutes of family time with God.