

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INSIGNIFICANT
 A GOOD NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION
 THE TEST OF TRIVIA

Intro. Funny time to say Happy N Y. But won't be in chapel again till after NY. Resolution every Xn needs to make bec of 1 Cor 4:2. Faithful in what? Everything. Where start? Little things. Pounds, talents, mite, whosoever hath. Peculiar story X told about money and proper use and want to use as illus of use of all opportunities.

I. The Parable, 1-8.

- A. Situation. 1. Steard was accused (diaballo). Give account, thou canst no longer be steward, 2.
- B. Severance. Above, 2.
- C. Scheme, 3-8. V 4 I am resolved. Lit, I know. I've got it. Debtors probably tenants who owed part of crops. Hoped to find a home among them.
- D. Praise, 8a. Shrewdly. Must have been for man who was cheated again to commend.
- E. Point, 8b. Lord's words at middle of vs. Commends forethought of man, and condemns stupidity of most Xns.

II. The Point, 9.

If 8b is true then point is that disciples ought to make wise use of money (opportunities) so friends (works) will receive into heaven. Make friends out of or by money which is mamon of unrtness. Not works sal but works reward. Mt 6:19-20. Good investment is safe, bears interest, has growth. Opportunities for spiritual service same.

III. The Proof, 10-12.

If resolution is, Lord make me wise in spir. priv. then how can I know if I am. What tests? 2.

A. Lesser is test and proof of greater, 10-11.

That which is least, very little.

e.g. money. If don't carefully give little now, then won't be entrusted with more.

e.g. job. Not ques whether like or not, but good worker or not. If always wanting off for vacations, athletics then won't be promoted.

*Small assignment
 prayer notes*

B. Handling own things test and proof of ability to handle others, 12.

e.g. honesty. If not with self, won't be with others.
Excuse to self, will to others.

e.g. forethought. If can't have it about own things won't about those of others.

Concl. Not asking anything specially Xn. Just be as shrewd as world. Only asking it for specially Xn reasons. Bec. we deal with eternal things. But from same motive. Why did steward get excited? Bec. day of accounting near. So is yours. Or if not, remember that when you do account for 1959 or 1960 whether it happens tomorrow or 100 years from the report will have to be the same.

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Lk 12:42-48