

# “PICK & CHOOSE?”

Luke 16:16-18 - Pastor Bruce French

## What is Jesus divinely aware of?

1. Scoffing is the cloak of \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 16:14-15

## What does God expect when it comes to his word?

1. God expects us to vigorously \_\_\_\_\_ His word.

Luke 16:16

**commit to:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with the  
*challenges of God's word.*

2. God expects us to sincerely \_\_\_\_\_ His word.

Luke 16:17

**commit to:** \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ the  
*legitimacy of God's word.*

3. God expects us to willingly \_\_\_\_\_ His word.

Luke 16:18

**commit to:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the  
*intent of God's word.*

## Take Home Truth

All of God's \_\_\_\_\_ matter.

### Today's Core Practice:

**Authority of the Bible:** I believe the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God and has the authority to command my belief and action. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

### Today's Actions:

1. Complete today's Deeper Connection Study



## Deeper Connection

Luke places verses 14-18 between two passages addressing the topic of money (vv. 1-13 and 16-31). We see that God's value system is not like the values esteemed by our culture (two examples from Luke 16: money and marriage). Personal commitment matters and Jesus highlights the importance of God's Word. *Today's Core Belief discussed: Authority of the Bible.*

### Read Luke 16:16-18

1. What does Jesus mention about the arrival of God's kingdom (vv. 14-16)? What do you think the Pharisees believe about this?
2. How is there continuity between the Old Testament & New Testament eras (v. 16; cf. Matt. 11:12-13)? Why does Jesus refer to John? What role does he play in this unfolding drama?
3. What is Jesus emphasizing about God's Law/Word (v. 17; cf. Matt. 5:18)?
4. How is God's kingdom value system opposed to the values of the present age? As an example, how does God's view of marriage contrast with our cultural view of marriage & divorce (v. 18)?
5. What is the correlation between a person's growing relationship with Christ and fidelity to their spouse? In other words, how does honoring your marriage vows show alignment with God's Word & values?
6. How are you growing in valuing & applying Scripture? Why is God's Word so important?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God that his Word is true and he is faithful to his promises. Pray for a greater desire and follow-through in reading, valuing, and obeying God's Word. Ask God to help you memorize Scripture.

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## Guidelines for Godly Living

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**A**t different times, everyone exercises a level of favoritism. That personal preference may be a particular flavor of ice cream, or a specific color, or even a certain movie genre. In those examples, it is understood that a personal preference, like Rocky Road ice cream, produces an exclusiveness that diminishes the desire, and value of other flavors. This type of favoritism is widely and morally accepted. Unfortunately, Christians often demonstrate this same type of favoritism when it comes to God's word. One command is emphasized, while another is overlooked. Consider the person who embraces the command to "not judge," (Jam. 2:13), but disregards the command to "not be angry," (Ja. 1:19). In effect, he or she has shown favoritism over one command because it suits them, while rejecting another because he or she opposes it.

Jesus witnessed this same trend in the first century and addressed its inconsistency. In doing so, he noted that the cause for this apparent favoritism came from a selfish desire to justify one's self (Luke 16:15). He then asserted that this sinful condition was "detestable in God's sight," which is at the heart of today's exhortation.