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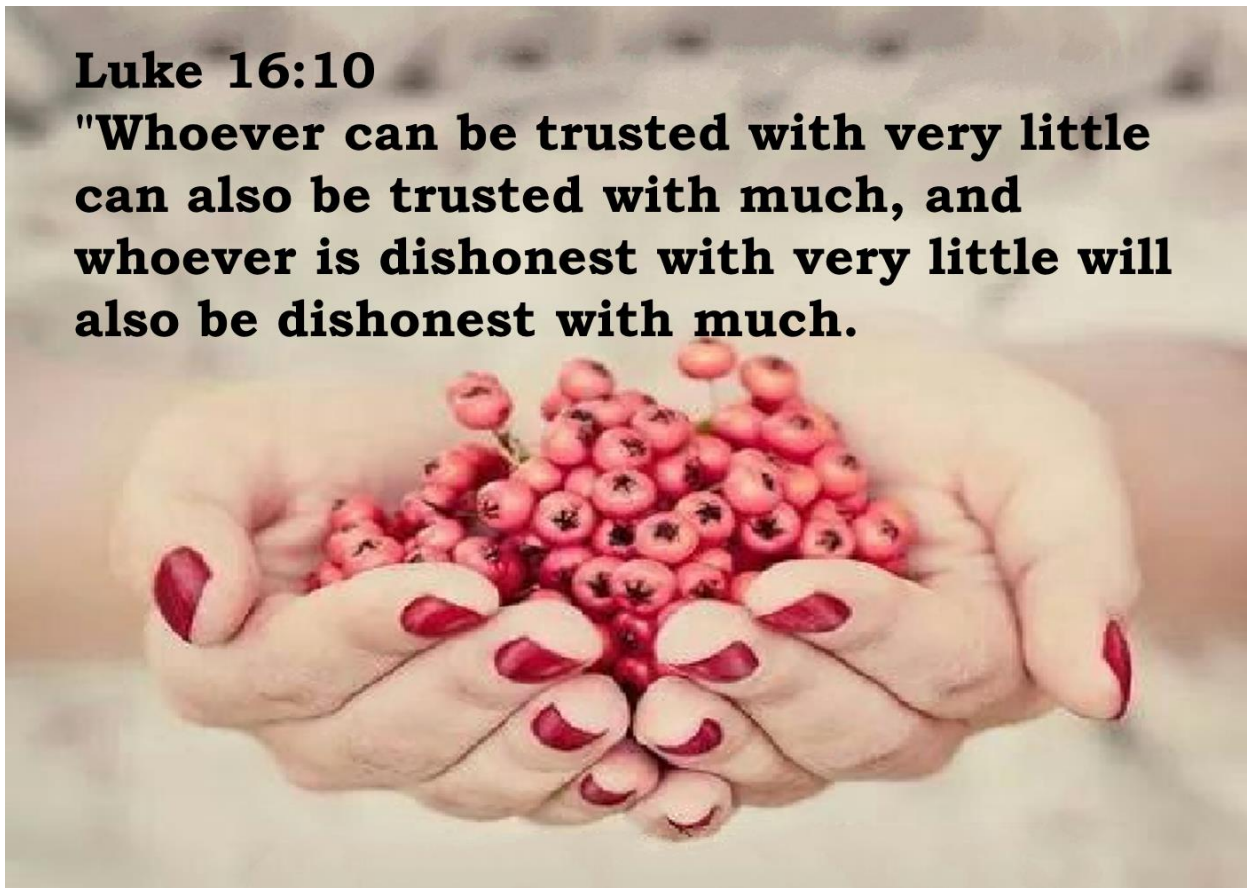
14 October 2017 (*Saturday*)
8:00 pm

15 October 2017 (*Sunday*)
8:45 am

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 16:10

**"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."**



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Order of Service

PRELUDE / PERSONAL REFLECTION & PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, we come into Your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

C: We come in celebration and song.

L: We come in gratitude of Your inheritance.

C: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

L: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

C: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

PRAYER (in unison)

Saviour God, welcome us into Your household, that we may bathe in the light of Your grace. Inspire us with Your word, that we may rejoice in the glory of Your ways. Strengthen us with Your Spirit, that we may go forth to serve You, with passion and purpose, in all that we say, and in all that we do. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily Bread; and forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

God, as Your church we reflect Your hopes for humanity. We offer these gifts and ask You to guide us to shrewd and loving management of all we are given in order to further Your work in our midst. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY & FAMILY NEWS

DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD

SONG OF PREPARATION

FOREVER FAITHFUL

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 16:1-15

L: This is the Gospel of the Christ

C: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD MANAGER

HYMN OF DEDICATION

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE UMH399

BENEDICTION

THREEFOLD AMEN

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like someone to pray for you, please come forward and you will be prayed for.

DAILY PRAYER BAND SCHEDULE

| DAY | PRAYER ITEM | TIME | VENUE |
|----------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday | Interceding for The Nation and Nations | 10:00 - 11:00 am | Common Room 1 |
| Tuesday | Jericho Hour | 5:00 - 6:00 pm | Common Room 3 |
| Friday | General Prayer | 9:30 am | Common Room 3 |
| Saturday | Morning Watch Pre-Celebration Prayer | 6:00 - 7:00 am 7:30 pm | Common Room 3 SS Toddlers' Room |
| Sunday | Pre-Celebration Prayer | 8:15 am | SS Toddlers' Room |

Notes

1. Those who are interested to buy the Sermon CDs, please see Mr. Peter Yoong **after the worship service.**
2. If you wish to bank in your pledges/tithes/gifts directly to our church account **(Canning Garden Methodist Church CA No 2)** you may do so with AmBank account no: **218-201-200487-4**. Kindly put the bank-in slip into the envelope that the church provides, indicate what the money is for and drop the envelope into the offering bag. Receipts will be issued after bank confirmation upon request and are to be collected personally from Church Office.
3. **Disaster Relief Fund: CGMC has contributed RM20,000.00 to help the Rohingya Refugee Crisis in Bangladesh.** As this is a revolving fund you may top up the Disaster Relief Fund so that we are able as a church to help yet others in their sufferings. Those who wish to contribute can place your contribution into the envelope marked **“Disaster Relief Fund”** that the church provides and drop the envelope into the offering bag.
4. The church library, which is located at the Concourse, is open on Sundays from 10.15 am - 11.15 am.

WORSHIP ENABLERS

| SATURDAY 8:00 pm | 14 October 2017 | 21 October 2017 |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| Preacher : | Rev. Ashok Amarasingam | Dr. Tai Kim Teng |
| Scripture Reader : | Mr. Sum Kwan Hoe | Dr. Wong Lai Yin |
| Scripture Text : | Luke 16: 1-15 | |
| Liturgist : | Mr. Sum Kwan Hoe | Rev. Thomas Chin |
| Worship Leader: | Mrs. Sarah Booth | Mr. Michael Wong |
| Co-Worship Leaders : | Mr. Cheng Hon Keong | Ms. Adelyn Wong Ms. Christine Tiang |
| Musicians : | Mrs. Grace Yap Mr. Micheal Driberg Dr. Basel Ebernesan Mr. Michael Reutens Mr. Loh Xiu Kin | Mr. Caleb Chin Mr. Samuel Ho Dr. Basel Ebernesan Mr. Joshua Arjunan Mr. Gideon Jagadesh |
| Visual Projectionist : | Ms. Lynette Tan | Ms. Jessie Choong |
| Welcome Team : | Team 1 | Team 2 |
| Fellowship Hour: | CG27 | CG 30 |
| SUNDAY 8:45 am | 15 October 2017 | 22 October 2017 |
| Preacher : | Rev. Ashok Amarasingam | Dr. Tai Kim Teng |
| Scripture Reader : | Ms. Lam Wye Ming | Mrs. Annie Pon |
| Scripture Text : | Luke 16:1-15 | |
| Liturgist : | Mr. Tang Khai Kit | Dr. SS Gill |
| Worship Leader : | Ms. Tham Lai Meng | Mrs. Ann Muttiah |
| Co-Worship : Leaders | Mrs. Juliana Yong Ms. Winnie Goh | Mrs. May Cheah Mrs. Rita Tang Mr. Gavin Tang |
| Musicians : | Dr. Ling Li Fan Dr. Edmund Ng | Mrs. Grace Yap Mr. Leong Siew Hong Dr. Chow Weng Sum |
| Visual Projectionist : | Ms. Esther Tan | Ms. Joy-Anne yew |
| Welcome Team : | Sunday Team | Sunday Team |
| Flowers: | Mr. & Mrs. Chew Teik Hock | |
| Fellowship Hour: | CG23 | CG28 |
| FRIDAY 8:00 PM | 27 OCTOBER 2017 PRAISE & PRAYER | |
| Liturgist : | Dr. SS Gill | |
| Worship Leader : | Ms. Ong Joo Lee | |
| Co-Worship : Leaders | Ms. Pamela Cortez Ms. Chan Wan Wei | Mr. Cheng Hon Keong |
| Musicians : | Mrs. Wern Sze Gill Dr. Melvin Ding | Mr. Joshua Arjunan Mr. Gideon Jagadesh |
| Visual Projectionist : | Dr. Looi Chui Li | |

CHURCH PROGRAMME

THIS WEEK

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| SUN | 15 | CGMC KIDS 10:30 am SS | FOUNDATION CLASS 10:30 am – 12:30 pm CR4 | CGMC MYF 3:00 – 6:30 pm SS | AEROBICS CLASS 5:00 – 6:00 pm KMH |
| MON | 16 | PRAISE DANCE 7:00 am Carpark | SIT DOWN EXERCISE 11:00 am – 12:30pm KMH | LIGHTHOUSE 5:30 - 7:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | |
| TUE | 17 | 2:7 SERIES 10:00 am – 12:00 pm CR3 | LIGHTHOUSE 2:00 - 5:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | JERICHO HOUR 5:00 – 6:00 pm CR3 | |
| WED | 18 | PRAISE DANCE 7:00 am Carpark | BIBLE STUDY 9:30 – 11:30 am CR3 | LIGHTHOUSE 2:00 - 5:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | |
| THU | 19 | AEROBIC CLASS 5:00 - 6:00 pm KMH | LIGHTHOUSE 5:30 - 7:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | | |
| FRI | 20 | KOPITIAM 9:00 - 10:30 am CR3 | SIT DOWN EXERCISE 11:00 am – 12:30 pm KMH | LIGHTHOUSE 2:00 - 5:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | |
| SAT | 21 | MORNING WATCH 6:00 – 7:00 am CR3 | MANDARIN CLASS 9:30 – 10:30 am MPH | | |

NEXT WEEK

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| SUN | 22 | CGMC KIDS 10:30 am SS | FOUNDATION CLASS 10:30 am – 12:30 pm CR4 | CGMC MYF 3:00 – 6:30 pm SS | AEROBICS CLASS 5:00 – 6:00 pm KMH |
| MON | 23 | PRAISE DANCE 7:00 am Carpark | SIT DOWN EXERCISE 11:00 am – 12:30pm KMH | LIGHTHOUSE 5:30 - 7:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | |
| TUE | 24 | 2:7 SERIES 10:00 am – 12:00 pm CR3 | LIGHTHOUSE 2:00 - 5:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | JERICHO HOUR 5:00 – 6:00 pm CR3 | |
| WED | 25 | PRAISE DANCE 7:00 am Carpark | BIBLE STUDY 9:30 – 11:30 am CR3 | LIGHTHOUSE 2:00 - 5:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | |
| THU | 26 | AEROBIC CLASS 5:00 - 6:00 pm KMH | LIGHTHOUSE 5:30 - 7:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | | |
| FRI | 27 | KOPITIAM 9:00 - 10:30 am CR3 | SIT DOWN EXERCISE 11:00 am – 12:30 pm KMH | LIGHTHOUSE 2:00 - 5:00 pm Lighthouse Centre | |
| SAT | 28 | MORNING WATCH 6:00 – 7:00 am CR3 | NO MANDARIN CLASS Resume 4 Nov 2017 | 2 ND DISTRICT CONFERENCE 3pm – 5pm KMH | |

DAILY PRAYER GUIDE BASED ON THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS OF INFLUENCE (Dick Eastman, 2012)

You are encouraged to use the following in your daily intercession.

As you are led by the Holy Spirit, pray specifically for our church, other churches, our nation and nations of the world.

1 RELIGION (The Church and her ministries)

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing on all churches regardless of their denominations.
- Pray for ministries involved in evangelism and discipleship including foreign missionary activity.

Thank God that the Ministry of Health has given approval to the Hope Haemodialysis Society to shift to the new centre.

- Pray for the smooth shifting of all the machines and equipment to the new centre and for the staff and patients to find the new centre pleasant and conducive to work in and to receive treatment.
- Pray for various cell group members to reach out to the patients with the love of God.

Pray for CGMC's Jubilee Year

- As we celebrate the Jubilee Year, pray for unity among the pastors, leaders and members for the Lord's favour to bring about a mighty spiritual breakthrough in all our ministries.
- Pray for our past CGMC pastors who will be coming to preach, that the Lord will speak to each one of them, so that the word and message will be encouraging and prophetic.
- Pray for 'Be A Blessing' project, that all cell groups, leaders and members will enthusiastically take up a project or two to bless those who are in need with the love and grace of God, and in turn be blessed.

2 FAMILY AND MARRIAGES (Youth, Children, Marriage, etc)

- Pray for families in general, and particularly for the healing of broken relationships in marriages and families especially among believers and those in Christian ministry.

3 EDUCATION (All Schools, Universities, Colleges and Educators)

The focus is to pray for all institutions of learning; be they for the very young, as children are so easily influenced, or for those catering for higher education.

- Pray for teachers and educators. Pray for those whom you know by name.

4 BUSINESS (The Marketplace)

This focus involves praying for a spiritual awakening in the marketplace.

- Pray especially that God will use Christian businessman and businesswomen to influence others in their professions.
- Pray that major corporations will build their companies on a foundation of high moral and ethical standards.

5 GOVERNMENT (State, National and International)

Pray for the leaders of our state and the national government. Remember especially to intercede for the judiciary (judges) of our nation and the nations of the world. Intercede also for the military, the police and civil servants.

The Malay Rulers have expressed in a statement their concern that unity and harmony in the country is eroding following a series of racial and religious controversies. They affirmed that unity among Malaysia's multi-ethnic and multi-religious people is the key to ensuring the country's ongoing stability.

- Pray for the Malay rulers, for their collective wisdom and concern for the multi-racial and multi-religious people of this nation.
- Pray that the Malay rulers' expressed statement will spur our political leaders to act more responsibly to stamp out racial and religious extremism.

It has been more than 230 days since the abduction of Pastor Raymond Koh, and longer for three other persons who have also disappeared.

- Thank God for an activist group called CAGED which has pledged to continue holding vigil in Dataran Merdeka on the last Saturday of every month until the truth is known.

CAGED stands for Citizen Action Group in Enforced Disappearance. As defined by the UN, enforced disappearance occurs when a person is secretly abducted or imprisoned by a state or political organisation or by a third party with the authorisation support or acquiescence of a state or political organization.

- Besides the effort carried out by CAGED, we thank God that SUHAKAM, the Malaysian Human Rights Commission will be holding a public inquiry into the missing persons including Pastor Raymond Koh, beginning in October.

Suhakam will be holding a Public Inquiry on the 19th, 20th and 30th October and 2nd November.

- Pray for wisdom for Susanna Koh and Jonathan to answer the difficult questions and for all the witnesses to tell the truth and for the truth behind the disappearances to be known.

6 MEDIA (The Press, Television, Internet, Social Network)

- Ask God to cause all aspects of the media and information technology to become a tool in His hands to change the culture around us for His honour and glory.

7 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT (including sports)

This focus includes all the various fields of the arts and entertainment including sports. Ask God to use Christians in these areas to influence and impact those around them.

A. Cell Group Venues

| DAY/DATE | CG NO. | RESIDENCE | TIME |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| TUESDAY 17 OCT 2017 | 3 | Mrs. Kim Toh. | 10:30 am |
| WEDNESDAY 18 OCT 2017 | 1 | Common Room 3, CGMC. | 5:30 pm |
| | 2 | No Cell Meeting. | 2:00 pm |
| | 5 | Ms. Alina Fong. | 8:30 pm |
| | 8 | Mr. & Mrs. Yeoh Kit Koon. | 8:00 pm |
| | 12 | Dr. & Mrs. Yoong Fook Ngian. | 8:00 pm |
| | 21 | Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Peter. | 8:30 pm |
| | 23 | Mr. & Mrs. Lee Tong Pheng. | 8:15 pm |
| | 25 | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wong. | 8:15 pm |
| | 26 | Mr. & Mrs. Yau Mun Yip. | 8:00 pm |
| | 33 | Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Teh. | 8:00 pm |
| THURSDAY 19 OCT 2017 | 15 | Mr. & Mrs. Chong Him Shoong. | 8:30 pm |
| | 28 | Common Room 2, CGMC. | 10:00 am |
| | 46 | Common Room 3, CGMC. | 10:00 am |
| FRIDAY 20 OCT 2017 | 4 | Ms. Christina Wong. | 8:30 pm |
| | 6 | Mr. & Mrs. Shu Yeoh Khoon. | 8:00 pm |
| | 7 | Mrs. Annie Pon. | 12:30 pm |
| | 9 | Common Room 2, CGMC. | 8:00 pm |
| | 10 | Mr. & Mrs. Lee Nyit Kean. | 8:00 pm |
| | 11 | Mr. & Mrs. Choy Kam Lee. | 8:30 pm |
| | 13 | Common Room 1, CGMC. | 8:00 pm |
| | 16 | Mr. & Mrs. Phon Kon Seng. | 8:30 pm |
| | 17 | Mr. & Mrs. Lee Weng Woh. | 8:00 pm |
| | 19 | Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tan | 8:00 pm |
| | 20 | Dr. & Mrs. (Dr.) Cheah Sene Kar. | 8:00 pm |
| | 22 | Mr. & Mrs. Albert Loh. | 8:00 pm |
| | 27 | Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Soh. | 8:00 pm |
| | 29 | Mrs. Ong Lee Li. | 8:00 pm |
| | 30 | Mr. & Mrs. Peterson. | 8:15 pm |
| | 32 | Mr. & Mrs. Sum Kwan Hoe. | 8:30 pm |
| | 40 | Mr. & Mrs. Tang Yew Cheong. | 8:00 pm |
| | 41 | Common Room 2, CGMC. | 9:00 am |
| 45 | Mrs. Ong Fay Ling | 8:30 pm | |
| SUNDAY 22 OCT 2017 | 18 | No Cell Meeting. | 7:30 pm |

SERMON NOTES

THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD MANAGER

Luke 16: 1-15

Rev. Ashok Amarasingam

1. Introduction

1.1 Luke's gospel emphasizes how Jesus gave **dignity** to the marginalized including the women, "the sinners", the poor and despised ones.

1.2 The whole framework (Luke 15-16) revolves around the **attitudes** of the religious "top guns" (Pharisees & teachers of the law)

1.3 Focus for Today:

Your heart must resonate with God's heart. Use temporal money (God's money) for God's eternal purposes and then be welcomed into heaven.

2. Why Did Jesus Seemingly Use The Manager's Dishonest Behaviour As A Paradigm?

2.1 The first century **Palestinian** hearers would have easily understood the story.

2.2 The rich man (we call: Master) and the steward/employee (we call: Manager) were **future** in Jesus' time (16:1).

2.3 The given in the parable was that the master **fired** the manager (privately presumably in master's office). (16:2)

2.4 Now there is a soliloquy about the manager's **future** - the manager hatches a plan of action (16:4).

2.5 Why did the master (fictitious character) **commend** this act (of dishonesty)? 16:8a).

3. Use Earthly Money Wisely Always With God's Ultimate Goal In Mind: Bringing The Lost To Christ

3.1 All our money (individual and corporate) belongs to **God**. We are merely stewards.

3.2 Children of light can learn ways of using money – not for **selfish** personal gains – but with heavenly aims (eg helping others to become friends of God (16:9)).

3.3 Money is a **great** servant but a demonic Master. The Bible says: You cannot serve both God and Money (mammon) (16:13)

3.4 Final application

3.4.1 Like the Pharisees, do we sneer at the hard teachings of Jesus? (16:14)

3.4.2 Are you preoccupied impressing people with your superior “spirituality” and love for money that you fail to utilize your money and talents for things most precious to God’s heart?

3.4.3 Take a leaf from the next story (Luke 16: 19-31) of Lazarus and the Rich man and care for the poor and needy.

4. **Conclusion/Summary**

Teach me, God, to be humble like Jesus.

May each act of obedience to You enlarge my faith to invest my money for heavenly gains. Amen

Discussion Questions

1) Share 1-2 items of the parable of the Shrewd Manager that impressed you.

2) How have Christians in general failed to liberally use individual/corporate wealth to expand God’s Kingdom?

How can you release more of your money for heavenly reward?

Welcome to CGMC Worship Service

May you encounter God and be enriched in your fellowship with us.
Visitors, guests and members are welcome to join us for coffee / tea hour
at our Concourse after worship.

**21
OCT**

LIGHTHOUSE THANKSGIVING DINNER

21 October 2017, Saturday, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Concourse, Canning Garden Methodist Church

All members of CGMC are welcome!

Per Pax : RM15.00

Kindly please register and pay to Mr. Richard Lee or Mr. Peterson by **18 October 2017**.

CONTACT : MR. PETERSON 016-5536693

**27
OCT**

PRAISE & PRAYER

27 October 2017, Friday, 8:00 pm
Shekinah Sanctuary, Canning Garden Methodist Church

There will be no meetings for ALL Cell Groups this week. Praise & Prayer is the church ownership event that enables the **entire** church family to come together for a time of prayer, ministry and testifying to God's goodness. Do prioritise this church family time with God and be present at this month's Praise & Prayer.

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**28
OCT**

2ND/2017 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

28 October 2017, Saturday, 3pm
Kesselring Memorial Hall, Canning Garden Methodist Church

CONTACT : CHURCH OFFICE, 05-546 2023

**29
NOV**

VBS – FOLLOWING JESUS -THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

29 November – 2 December 2017
Canning Garden Methodist Church
Fee: RM90 (Registration closing date **31st October 2017**)

For more details, refer to notice board.

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