

Luke 12:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

Analysis

Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath (ἀληθῶς λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ἐπὶ πᾶσιν τοῖς ὑπάρχουσιν αὐτοῦ καταστήσει αὐτόν, alēthōs legō hymin hoti epi pasin tois hyparchousin autou katastēsei auton)—The emphatic phrase alēthōs legō hymin (ἀληθῶς λέγω ὑμῖν, truly I say to you) solemnly affirms the promise's certainty. The reward for faithful stewardship is exponentially increased responsibility and authority: epi pasin tois hyparchousin autou (ἐπὶ πᾶσιν τοῖς ὑπάρχουσιν αὐτοῦ, over all his possessions).

The future tense katastēsei (καταστήσει, will make ruler, will appoint) points to eschatological reward—Christ's assignment of authority in His coming kingdom. The steward who faithfully managed a portion receives authority over everything. This principle appears throughout Jesus' teaching: faithful use of lesser things leads to greater things (Luke 16:10, 19:17). The parable of the talents teaches the same: those who invest wisely receive increased responsibility and enter into the master's joy (Matthew 25:21, 23). Conversely, unfaithfulness results in loss of position (Matthew 25:28-29). The reward isn't passive rest but active, joyful reign with Christ (2 Timothy 2:12, Revelation 20:4-6, 22:5).

Historical Context

This promise of future authority echoes Jesus' broader teaching about the disciples' future role in His kingdom. He promised the Twelve they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel (Luke 22:30). Paul teaches that saints

will judge the world and even angels (1 Corinthians 6:2-3). Revelation portrays believers reigning with Christ for a thousand years (Revelation 20:4) and forever (Revelation 22:5). This wasn't abstract theology for first-century believers suffering persecution—it was concrete hope that present faithfulness despite hardship would result in future glory and authority in Christ's eternal kingdom.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the promise of exponentially increased authority in Christ's kingdom motivate present faithfulness in small things?
2. What does ruling over all the Master's possessions reveal about the nature of eternal rewards and co-reigning with Christ?
3. In what ways should future glory and responsibility shape present priorities, suffering, and stewardship?

Interlinear Text

ἀληθῶς	λέγω	ὑμῖν	ὅτι	ἐπὶ	πᾶσιν	τοῖς	ὑπάρχουσιν
Of a truth	I say	unto you	that	over	all	G3588	hath
G230	G3004	G5213	G3754	G1909	G3956		G5224
αὐτοῦ	καταστήσει	αὐτόν					
G846	he will make him ruler	G846					
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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 3:18 (Parallel theme): I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and

that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Matthew 24:47 (Parallel theme): Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

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