
Luke 16:14 The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they scoffed at him.

Luke 16:15 But he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

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The Shrewd Manager

Stories to Live by—part 6

Luke 16:1-15

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Luke 16:1 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods.

² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

Luke 16:3 And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

Luke 16:4 'I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.'

Luke 16:5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?''⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

⁷ Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

Luke 16:8 The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; ...

“Shrewd” –

Luke 16:8 (Jesus speaking) ... for the sons of this world are shrewder in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.

Luke 16:9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.

“Mammon” –

“Make friends for yourselves” and “eternal habitations”

3 principles of stewardship

Luke 16:10 "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

Luke 16:11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches?

Luke 16:12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

The dangers of money

Luke 16:13 "No servant can serve two masters; for 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 God and mammon."
