



The Gospel according to LUKE

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Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

Topic: The Shrewd Steward

Experiencing a deep & genuine encounter with Jesus through the pages of the Gospel of Luke

I. A PECULIAR PARABLE:

A. The Setting:

- **A Master**- a very rich man
 - an absentee landlord
 - hired out to various managers
- **A Steward**- hired to invest his master's wealth
 - Making deals + collecting bills = \$\$\$ Increase

B. The Situation: The steward has been wasting his Masters wealth (also see- Lk.15:13)

- Fired (Note: no jail time; nothing illegal done)
- Bring in the books- give an accounting.
- What to do with his future?
 - Dig ditches- too hard; can't physically do
 - Beg on the street- humiliating; too proud
 - * "Find someone else to take care of me!"

C. Cooking the Books: Calling in the debtors...

Key: Ex.22:25 "Charge no interest"

- Olive Oil re-negotiated (50% reduction)
- Wheat re-financed (20% reduction)

C. Commended: The Master is impressed..

- Shrewdness- wise, prudent, intelligent, clever. (Matt.10:16- like a serpent).

II. APPLICATION:

A. Investing in People: Lk.16:8-9

- Investing in yourself- Bigger barns (Lk.12:20)
- Investing in Heaven- (Lk.12:33-34)
- "Using worldly wealth to gain friends.. You will be welcomed into Heaven."

B. Your Track Record: Lk.16:10-12

- The faithful- given more
- The dishonest- responsibilities
- Untrustworthy- riches
- Not faithful- not given

C. Who do you serve? Luke 16:13; Matt.6:24

You cannot serve two masters...

Matt 25:23 "Well done, good and faithful servant.... enter thou into the joy of thy lord."
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