

Glorifying God in Your Finances



**Series: Glorifying God in
Your Everyday Christian Life**

Text: Luke 16:1-13

Father's Day (06/19/11)



Theme

- If you are *mishandling* the things of this world, how can you be trusted with the things of the world to come?



Introduction

- **Key to the book of**

Luke

Luke 1:1-4



Luke presents...

- ...Jesus as the ***Son of God*** who becomes the ***Son of Man***, rejected by the Jews, so He could bring salvation to the ***Gentiles***

The Context



Tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear His teaching, much to the chagrin of the *scribes and Pharisees.*

His Mission and Purpose



Jesus directs the parables of Luke 15 to the *scribes* and *Pharisees*

Jesus directs...



- ...the parable in Luke 16 not to the scribes and Pharisees, but to *His disciples*



Jesus taught in...

- **...parables to conceal His message from some**
- **...and to reveal His message to others**

Luke 16:1-13

- ...A manager's ***scary predicament***
- ...A manager's ***shrewd plan***
- ...A master's ***surprising perspective***



A manager's...

- *...scary predicament*

- ...he has failed to faithfully discharge his management *obligations (1-3)*



Luke 16:1

- “Now He was also saying to the disciples, ‘There was a certain rich man who had a manager, and this manager was reported to him as *squandering* his possessions.’”



Luke 15:13

■ “And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he *squandered* his estate with loose living.”



The Bridge

- He uses exactly the *same term* to describe the behavior of the prodigal son and the unjust steward



Luke 16:2

- **“And he called him and said to him, “What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.”**



Luke 16:3

- **“...and the manager said to himself, “What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.”**

**I am not strong enough
to dig**



**I am too
ashamed
to beg**





**But not too weak or too
proud to *steal***



A manager's...

- *...shrewd plan*
- ...to cover up the fact that he had failed in his management *obligations (4-7)*



Luke 16:4

- **“I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management, they will receive me into their homes.”**



Luke 16:5-6

- **“And he summoned each one of his master's debtors, and he began saying to the first, "How much more do you owe my master?" And he said, "A hundred measures of oil." And he said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty."”**



Luke 16:7

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



The Plan

- **Manipulate the Debtors**
- **Manipulate the Boss**
- **Look out for #1**

The shrewd manager renegotiated the contracts





A master's...

- *...surprising perspective*

- ...he actually commends the manager's plan (8-9)



Luke 16:8

■ **“And his master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted *shrewdly*; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.”**



Luke 16:9

- **“And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings”**



When we compare...

- ...the *prodigal son* with the *unjust manager*, we begin to understand the point of the parable...



The prodigal son...

- **...should have known better. His father had done what fathers should do, but he took no thought for the future. He squandered his father's goods, and it landed him at the hog pen.**

The unjust manager...



- ...on the other hand, was just a petty thief just looking out for #1, but he was wise enough to use the resources at his disposal to buy friendships that would sustain him in the future.



Principles

- The *people of the world* manage money better than *people of the kingdom.*



Principles

- If your life is committed to *making money*, all you will have at the end is *money*.



Principle

- There are ***eternal implications*** for the way we use money in this life.



Principle

- You cannot serve **God** and ***money.***