

Jesus the Storyteller

THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD MANAGER

Luke 16:1-14 // Dr. Ron Jones

He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ 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, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’” LUKE 16:1-4 ESV

Jesus uses a _____ example to make a _____ point.

We are _____ not _____ of the wealth God has entrusted to us.

One day, we will _____ of how we managed the money God has entrusted to us.

“The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” LUKE 16:8

“Shrewd” = astute or sharp in practical matters DICTIONARY.COM

Life Lessons from the Parable

1. A lesson in _____: Use money to make _____.

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

2. A lesson in _____: Be faithful in the little thing called _____.

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?” LUKE 16:10-12 ESV

3. A lesson in _____: You must choose to serve either _____ or _____.

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 money.” LUKE 16:13 ESV