

LESSONS FROM A SHREWD MONEY MANAGER

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Luke 16:1-13

Jesus told his disciples: "There once was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his master's possessions. So the Owner called him in and asked, 'What's this I hear about you? I want you to give an account of what you've done with MY money, because your time as my manager is ending.'"

"The manager said to himself, 'What am I going to do now? I'm losing my job as a manager but I'm not strong enough to dig ditches and I'm too proud to beg. I know what I'll do - so that I'll have friends to take care of me when I lose my job.'"

"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' '800 gallons of olive oil,' he replied. The manager said, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it 400.'"

"Then the manager found another debtor and asked, 'How much do YOU owe?' '1000 bushels of wheat,' he replied. The manager said, 'OK, change your bill to say you only own 800.'"
Luke 16:1-7

"When the Master heard what the dishonest manager had done, he still commended his shrewdness. For the people of this world are more shrewd in handling their affairs than are the people who belong to the Light." Luke 16:8

8 FINANCIAL LESSONS

1. _____
"Accused of wasting his master's possession." Lk. 16:12

2. _____
"I want you to give an account of what you've done with MY money, because your time as my manager is ending."
Lk.16:2

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"What I am going to do now?" Luke 16:3

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"I know what I'll do...." Luke 16:4

• _____ Luke 16:5-6

4. _____
"I tell you, 'use your worldly wealth!'" Luke 16:9a

5. _____
"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."
Luke 16:10

6. _____
"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11

"And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"
Luke 16:12

7. _____
"No servant can serve two masters. 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 both God and money."
Luke 16:13

8. _____
"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings."
Luke 16:9

"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matt. 6:20-21

Does Jesus really have first place in my life?
How much am I investing for eternity?
Can God trust me with spiritual blessings?

