

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager - Luke 16:1-15

Topics: Devotion, Dishonesty, Eternal Life, God, Heart, Loyalty, Money, Resources, Serving, Wealth

Open It

- * 1. How is a shrewd businessperson viewed in our society today?
- 2. In what ways does our culture pressure us to love money?
- 3. How can the love of money hurt a person?

Explore It

- 4. How did the rich man respond to the manager who was “wasting his possessions”? (16:1-2)
- 5. Why was the manager scared to lose his job? (16:3)
- * 6. What plan did the manager devise to secure his future? (16:4-7)
- * 7. How did the rich master react to the dishonest dealings of the manager? (16:8)
- 8. Who are the “people of light” to whom Jesus referred? (16:8)
- * 9. How does Jesus want us to use money? (16:9)
- 10. What main principle should govern the way we use our resources? (16:10-12)
- 11. Why is it impossible to serve two masters? (16:13)
- 12. Why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus’ teaching? (16:14)
- 13. How did the Pharisees “justify” themselves? (16:15)
- 14. How does God judge people? (16:15)
- 15. What does God think of the things that we typically value? (16:15)

Get It

- 16. What did Jesus mean when He said, “Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves”?
- * 17. Why is it so difficult to keep a proper perspective on money?
- * 18. How do you think God wants you to change the way you handle your resources?
- 19. How can we be sure that we will be “welcomed into eternal dwellings”?
- 20. How can you become more trustworthy in handling the money and things that God has given you?
- 21. How do you need to change your attitude toward your wealth?
- 22. What can you do to demonstrate your devotion to the Lord?

Apply It

- * 23. What can you do during this next week to become a better steward of the resources God has given you?
- 24. During the next few weeks, what is one way you can use money to serve others and show them the love of God?
- 25. During the next few weeks, what is one way you can live more simply?