

LESSONS FROM A SHREWD MONEY MANAGER

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Luke 16:1-13

"Jesus told his disciples: 'There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, "What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer." The manager said to himself, "What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses." So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil," he replied. The manager told him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty." Then he asked the second, "And how much do you owe?" "A thousand bushels of wheat," he replied. He told him, "Take your bill and make it eight hundred."" Luke 16:1-7 (NIV)

"The master <u>commended</u> the dishonest manager for <u>his shrewdness</u>. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." Luke 16:8 (ESV)

8 FINANCIAL LESSONS

| "Accused of wasting his possessions." Luke 16:12 (NIV) |
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| "Give me a report of what you have done with my money, because you can't be my manager any longer." Luke 16:2 (NCV) |
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| "What shall I do now?" Luke 16:3 (NIV) |
| "I know what I'll do." Luke 16:4 (NIV) |
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| | "I tell you, use worldly wealth." Luke 16:9 (NIV) |
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| | "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 (NIV) |
| 6. | "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11 (NIV) |
| | "And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" Luke 16:12 (NIV) |
| 7. | "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:13 (NIV) |
| 8. | "I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, |

e. you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Luke 16:9 (NIV)

"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." Matthew 6:20-21 (BSB)

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



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