

The Parable of the dishonest  
steward:

**Luke 16:1-13**, “...So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an **account of your stewardship**, for you can no longer be steward...”

**Luke 16:8**, “... So the master commended the unjust steward **because he had dealt shrewdly**. For the sons of this world are **more shrewd** in their generation than the sons of light...”

Shrewd means “**prudent**” which means forethought or looking ahead (the point of parable!)

**The point of the parable:**

**The sons of this world extend greater effort to obtain earthly treasures than the sons of God do to obtain 'heavenly riches'!**

(Luke 16:8b, "... For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light...")

## **Being faithful stewards:**

**Luke 12:16-21**, "... And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.""  
(Poor stewardship; all about self)

**Luke 12:41-47**

**Luke 12:41-47**, “... And the Lord said,  
"Who then is that **faithful and wise steward**, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season... But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is **delaying his coming**,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and **to eat and drink and be drunk...**” (Poor steward!)

## “unrighteous mammon”:

*Luke 16:9*, “... And I say to you, **make friends** for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home...”

[it is not ill gotten or illegal but when compared to “true riches” it fails in comparison.]

make proper use of mammon!

**Matt 6:19-21, “... Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...”**

**(Mark 10:21)**

**Mark 10:21**, “... Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and **give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.**”  
(Romans 6:4, just like )



**1John 3:17**, “... But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in **need**, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?”

[A proper use of our stewardship]

**(1Tim 6:10-17)**

**1Tim 6:10-18**, “... For the love of money (mammon) is a root of all kinds of evil, for which **some have strayed (from their stewardship)** from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows... Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share...”

**(Luke 16:10-12)**, faithful in least/much)

**1Cor 4:1-2**, "... Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is **required in stewards that one be found faithful...**"

(are we faithful with God's stuff?)

Let us remember how different  
God's Kingdom is:

(Luke 16:1-13)

**Wealth in this earthly world is  
measured by how much you have.**

**Wealth in God's Kingdom is  
measured in how much you give!**