

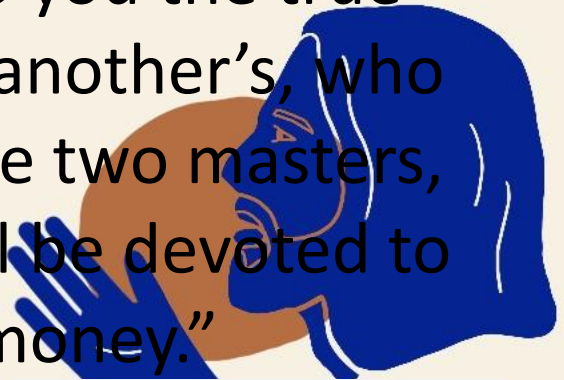
¹He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And 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. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’



Luke 16:1-14

⁸The 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. ⁹And 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.

¹⁰ “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. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No 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 16:1-14

CULTURAL CONTEXT



UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTH

- I. Shrewdness in Wisdom*
- II. Shrewdness in Stewardship*
- III. Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*



i) Shrewdness in Wisdom

Shrewdness: Φρονίμως - Phronimōs (Greek)

“wisely, sensibly, prudently”

verse 8 - Strong's G5430



"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Matthew 10:16 NKJV



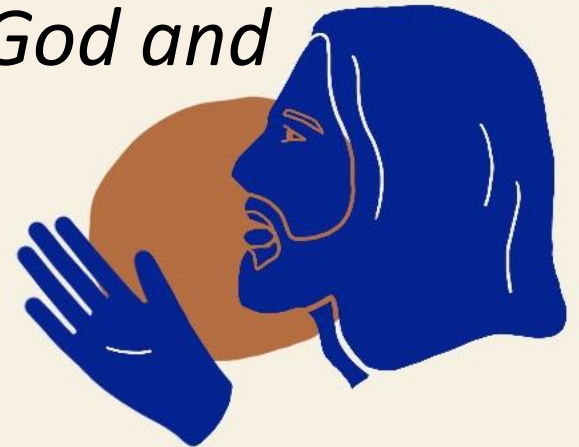
ii) Shrewdness in Stewardship



iii) Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

⁹“And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth (mammon), so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”....

¹³No 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.”



Our Offering

⁹“He shall take all the fat from it and burn it on the altar.”

Lev 4:19. ESV



FAT of the Our Increase

F:Finance

A:Abilities

T:Time



¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matt 6:19-21 (NIV)



“Knowing that we are fulfilling God’s purpose is the only thing that really gives rest to the restless human heart.”

Chuck Colson

