



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 16:1-13 (NAS)  
Topic: "A Wise Steward"  
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- 1 Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and this manager was reported to him as squandering his possessions.
- 2 "And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'
- 3 "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; I am ashamed to beg.
- 4 'I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.'
- 5 "And he summoned each one of his master's debtors, and he began saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
- 6 "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'
- 7 "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He \*said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'
- 8 "And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.
- 9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.
- 10 "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.
- 11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?
- 12 "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?
- 13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

### **I. PARABLE OF THE SHREWD STEWARD**

- A. It Seems A Strange Example
- B. It Emphasizes His Preparation For The Future

### **II. STEWARDSHIP**

- A. God Is The Owner
- B. We Are The Managers

### **III. THE STEWARD'S ACTIONS**

- A. Not Illegal
- B. Commended By His Master
- C. He Shows Himself Untrustworthy *I Corinthians 4:2*

### **IV. GOD'S OWNERSHIP**

- A. It Is Acknowledged By The Tithe *I Corinthians 16:2; Malachi 3:8*
- B. Debt Puts Us In Slavery To Someone Else *Proverbs 22:7*
- C. He Calls Us To Generosity *I Timothy 6:18, 19*
- D. He Calls Us To Accountability

### **V. TEMPORAL vs. ETERNAL**

- A. Our Handling Of Money Is A Litmus Test
- B. We Can Serve Either
- C. We Can Not Serve Both
- D. Where Are Your Treasures Stored?