

Luke 16:1-15

If we have been entrusted with the greatest treasure, the Gospel of the person and work of Jesus Christ; and if all the other treasures we are given are the “sack” that carries the greatest treasure . . . **what should we be SHREWD in doing?**



REMEMBER: Every SHREWD “HOW” needs a GREAT “WHY”

THE BIG IDEA (1)

(Luke 16:8; cf. James 3:13-15) Be shrewd for the _____ of God

THE KEY TAKE-AWAYS (3)

1. (Luke 16:8b-9) We are to use money, with an eye toward _____ benefits.
2. (Luke 16:10-12) We are to use money, remembering that we are to be faithful _____.
3. (Luke 16:13; cf. 1 Tim. 6:10) We are to use money but never _____ it nor _____ it.

POINTS TO PONDER (4)

1. (Cf. the Luke 15) A symptom of the love of money is when we succumb to the “elder brother syndrome” and are stingy with _____.
2. “_____ people, _____ things.”
3. (Luke 16:14-15) If the strict Pharisees can twist Scripture to _____ themselves, we know we can too.
4. “Be careful—the _____ is the source of heresy!”
**One way to help deal with our temptations is to give in secret (see Matthew 6:3-4)*

WHAT SHOULD WE BE SHREWD IN DOING? We should practice SHREWD _____.

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

*I hereby acknowledge God's ownership of me and all "my" money and possessions,
in addition to everything else I have ever imagined belonged to me,
including my family and loved ones.*

*Jesus is my King, and as His servant I will gratefully enjoy what He intends for me to keep
& faithfully distribute what He intends to go elsewhere.
I will earnestly seek Him regarding His wishes for the investment of His assets
to further His Kingdom for His glory.*

*In doing so, I realize I will surrender certain temporary earthly treasures,
but in exchange I will gain eternal treasures and eternal perspective,
all while reducing my anxiety.*

Signed

Dated

REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR TODAY'S TEACHING:

- What would be wrong applications to take away from the parable of the dishonest steward?
- Is it hard for you to take-away positive lessons from a negative illustration (parable)? Why might Jesus use this teaching technique?
- List five ways that someone might use money for eternal benefits. How is using money like this evidence of good stewardship? Whose money are we managers of?
- When was the last time you were tempted to try to love both God AND Mammon (money)?
- In light of verse 11's statement about "true riches" and what 1 Timothy 6:9 says about those who desire to be rich, should we want to be "rich?" Explain.

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