

## Parables Lesson 30 Handout

**At least he did what he could with what he had today to prepare for tomorrow.**

**Why aren't we putting in that kind of clever and resourceful effort in regards to the things of God?**

**Not to promote our own kingdom on earth but to promote the kingdom of God so others can come to know Jesus for all eternity.**

**Luke 16:1 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, (manager) and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods.**

**2 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.'**

**3 "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg.**

**4 I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.**

**ENSURE  
SOMEONE  
MIGHT HIRE  
HIM.**

**5 "So he (manager) called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'**

**6 And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So 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?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And**

he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

*The manager didn't go to the debtors and start talking smack about his wealthy boss.*

*The manager used his wealthy boss to help him get a job by being really resourceful.*

1. intelligent, wise
2. prudent, i.e. mindful of one's interests

**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.**

**Something that is important to them - they go after.**

**Christians: why don't you have that kind of passion for the things of God?**



**Luke 16:9 Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.**

**Hannah Taylor – [The Ladybug Foundation](#): When she was 5-years-old, Hannah Taylor saw a homeless man eating out of a garbage can on a cold winter day. For the next year she constantly asked her parents: "Why? Why couldn't everyone just share what they have to end homelessness?". At age 8, Hannah founded The Ladybug Foundation which has raised over 3 million dollars to fight homelessness in Canada.**

**Austin Gutwein – [Hoops of Hope](#): In the spring of 2004, Austin Gutwein watched a video of children who had lost their parents to AIDS. Moved to do something to help these kids, Austin decided to shoot basketball free throws as a way to raise money on World AIDS Day. He shot 2,057 free throws to represent the 2,057 kids who would be orphaned that day. Through sponsorships he was able to raise almost \$3,000. From that year forward, Austin organized a shoot-a-thon called Hoops of Hope, that thousands participate in. Hoops of Hope participants have raised over \$2.5 million to provide orphans of AIDS access to food, clothing, shelter, a new school, dormitories, a computer lab, two medical centers and more.**

**Mackenzie Bearup – Sheltering Books: Mackenzie was 13 years old when she began collecting children’s books for shelters in and around Alpharetta, Georgia. In total, they have collected and donated over 360,000 books for shelters across the world.**

**Thinking  
outside  
the box.**

What if we  
could really  
put Jesus’  
kingdom  
before ours?

Ada was fond of the right things.  
She was fond of God and His  
church.  
She was fond of people who  
needed the gospel and who had  
physical needs.  
Because of that she used  
whatever means she had whether  
a little or a lot.

**That is a clue to  
unravel the  
mystery of the  
parable of the  
shrewd manager.**

Think differently so  
you can make money  
in order to help  
those in need with  
the goal to lead  
them to Christ.

**The Privilege we  
have ONLY now, is to  
use God's resources  
for things that  
eternally matter.**

**Luke 16:10 “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in**

**little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.**

**Luke 16:11 And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?**

**Deuteronomy 8:17–18**

**17 He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.'**

**18 Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful...**

**1 Samuel 2:7**

**7 The Lord makes some poor and others rich; he brings some down and lifts others up.**

The postman  
is just the  
middle man.  
And so are we.

We are the middle  
man trying to take  
what God has given  
to us and give it to  
them.

That is exactly the purpose  
why we have been put on  
this earth; to take what  
God has given us, and to be  
careful with it, to be  
resourceful with it, and to  
be faithful with it so that  
we can have an impact for  
all eternity.

**Luke 16:13**

**13 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and**

**despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."**

**Most people want Jesus to be their Savior and not their Lord.**

**You can serve God with money, but you cannot serve God and money.**

**Either God is your Master, and money is your servant; or money is your master and you try to make God your servant.**