

PROPER STEWARDSHIP REGARDING MONEY

(Luke 16:1-13)

A. THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD STEWARD (Luke 16:1-13)

1. The rich man was informed that his business manager was _____ being _____ with his money, and so he was brought in to give an account of his actions and a financial report. (vv. 1-2)

2. Before this steward was officially fired from his position, he had a “_____ of _____” to contemplate his options of future employment. (v. 3)

3. Using his head, the steward came up with a plan that would give him _____ respectability in the eyes of some of his biggest clients, but the time to act was _____. (v. 4)

4. The manager called all of his master’s debtors and he substantially reduced their debt, however it is unclear just HOW he went about doing it (vv. 5-7)...
 - a. The steward may have canceled his own _____ marked up _____ on each of the debts in order to secure a future.
 - b. The steward may have simply cut their _____ in _____; which could have given his employer cause to have him thrown in jail.
 - c. The steward may have written off the accumulated _____ each client had amassed, which also would have been fraudulent to his master.

5. The master who had terminated his steward’s employment now congratulated this man on his _____ for his wise use of opportunity, and to insure a secure _____ for himself. (v. 8a)

6. Jesus was _____ teaching that His disciples should be dishonest, but rather He was teaching that they should use material things for future _____. (v. 8b)
7. Jesus' point was that prudent dealings often characterize _____ more than they do believers, and His disciples could _____ from them in the way they anticipated the future. (v. 9)
8. Each one of us Christians are a steward of our money (whether little or much); and one day we will have to _____ an _____ on how honestly we acquired it, and how faithfully we used it for His glory. (v. 10-12)
9. With the use of hyperbole, Jesus explained that as masters, God and money are mutually exclusive, i.e., a _____ for money will drive one _____ from God. (v. 13)
10. Some other areas we as Christians are considered "*stewards...*"
- a. We are called to manage our _____ that the Lord has given us. (Eph. 5:15-17)
 - b. We are called to manage the _____ and _____ that the Spirit has blessed us with. (1 Pet. 4:10)
 - c. We are called to be stewards of the _____ of grace. (2 Cor. 4:7; 1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:2)

* How has your "*stewardship*" been going thus far?