

SHREWD DUDES



LUKE 16:1-8



LUKE 16:1-8 (NLT)

Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Jesus told this story to his disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer’s money. ² So the employer called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.’

³ “The manager thought to himself, ‘Now what? My boss has fired me. I don’t have the strength to dig ditches, and I’m too proud to beg.’

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Parable of the Shrewd Manager

⁴ Ah, I know how to ensure that I'll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.'

⁵ "So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe him?' ⁶ The man replied, 'I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.'

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⁷ “‘And how much do you owe my employer?’ he asked the next man. ‘I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,’ was the reply. ‘Here,’ the manager said, ‘take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.’

⁸ “The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light.

TAKE HOME

SHREWD PARA(ABLE)S

❖ In these par(able)s about **harvest**, earning **interest**, being **productive**, what is the gain we are talking about?

❖ We are God's partners and it requires:

- (1) solid planning
- (2) shrewd thinking
- (3) life-long commitment.

❖ Put yourself in the story. see yourself as the **farmer**, the **entrepreneur** and the **fisherman**

BTW

How are you doing?

SO WHAT IS GOD UP TO ANYWAY?

- ❖ That they 'might not perish'.
--John 3:16
- ❖ To seek and to save that which was lost. *--Luke 19:10*
- ❖ Remember the 'lost' chapter...what creates a party in Heaven? *--Luke 15*

**(ABLE)
TO
SEEK &
SAVE**

PARABLES AND FIGURATIVE LESSONS ABOUT PRODUCTIVITY ARE COUCHED IN A REDEMPTION MOTIF

PARA (ABLE)S STORIES THAT EN(ABLE)

- ❖ Grape vines are to bear fruit. --*John 14*
- ❖ The story of stewards expected to make a profit for the master...a lesson in using what we have for Kingdom advantage. What might this look like today? --*Luke 19:17ff*
- ❖ And the Fig Tree Story...what fruit is God expecting of us? --*Luke 13:6*

HOW DID PAUL SEE
HIS ROLE AS AN
**AGENT OF
REDEMPTION?**

**(ABLE)
AMBASS-
ADORS**

- ❖ I am **all things to all** me so that by all possible means I might save some.
--1 Corinthians 9:22
- ❖ We are **Christ's ambassadors** ... as though God is making his appeal through us.
--2 Corinthians 5:20
- ❖ A story about **being shrewd dudes**: Luke 16:1-8

**MOVE >>THE
WHOLE
CONVERSATION
TO SOUTHERN
OREGON!**

**RE(SOURCE):
GOD AS OUR
(SOURCE)**

- ❖ **Talents** = re(source)s of all sorts ... possessions, opportunities, relationships, skills, the list is endless
- ❖ **How** can we apply our re(source)s to the White Fields?
What sort of engagement in culture?
- ❖ **What** does 'shrewd' look like?
How is it played out?
Why is the darkness more shrewd than the light?

A CALL TO PLANT SEEDS
INVEST RESOURCES
ENGAGE THE CULTURE
BE LIGHT AND SALT

- ❖ Congregational Efforts
- ❖ Individual Involvement
- ❖ Creative Engagement
- ❖ Accepting (1) the mandate,
(2) the assignment, (3) the charge.
- ❖ Living as Ambassadors
... being all things to all people.

BE

&

DO

CONFSSION

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

I trust Him as my Lord and Savior.

SAVIOR

LORD



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GO

and SHARE

THE GOOD NEWS