The Parable of the Shrewd Manager



In the Book: Luke 16

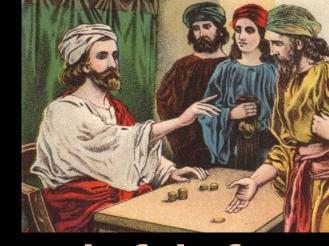
I. The shrewd manager was not making friends with his master (Luke 16:1-2).



 When you don't do your job well, what are you doing to your boss?

 How does responsible behavior at work build true friendships?

II. The shrewd manager made friends with his customers (Luke 16:3-7).



 Since the manager is not accused of theft, how is he reducing the bills?

Why was it in his best interest to give the customers a better deal?

III. It is wise to use worldly wealth to make friends (Luke 16:8-9).



 What factors keep us from using worldly wealth to make friends?

 What lasting benefits come when we use our wealth to make friends?

 How well are we investing our wealth in making friends? IV. Investing wealth in friendships protects us from loving money (Luke 16:10-13).



 How can we be more trustworthy in handling the blessings God has given us?

 What does investing in friends have to do with loving God? V. God knows who loves money more than friends and is not impressed (Luke 16:14-15).



 What is wrong with justifying our choice to not invest in friends?

Why is the choice to invest in friends valuable to God?

Call to Action: To deliberately invest more of our wealth in making friends.



- How well are you making friends at work?
- What are you investing in friends at work?
- How would your outreach improve with better friendships?
- How can you know that you love friends more than money?
- How have you justified the choice to not invest in friendships?

-How can we help?