



LIFE STORY

**THE STORY OF THE
CLEVER MANAGER**

Luke 16:1-13

**LIFE GROUP
STUDY GUIDE**

Luke 16:1-13(ESV)

1 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' 3 And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' 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?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. 10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you notice in this story?
What details stand out to you?

Who is the audience for this parable?

How does this parable relate to the world we live in?

What did the manager hope to receive by forgiving the debt?

How would you define the word faithful?
How would you define the word Master?



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit intended this story to be in Scripture?

What attitude does the manager show in his dealings?

What does it look like to be 'faithful' with very little?

What does Jesus mean by Unrighteous wealth?

Why is it impossible for us to serve two masters?

If Jesus is our master our wealth needs to be in line with building HIS kingdom not our own.





WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME? WHAT CAN I DO THIS WEEK?

In what ways have you ever treated wealth the way the manager does in this story?

How could you "make friends" this week by using your wealth?

Do you see yourself as someone who uses your wealth to build God's kingdom?

When it comes to giving (money, time) is giving a joy for you or a duty? what steps could you take for it to become joyful?

If your being honest who would you say your master is? (think about where you put your trust in, where your desires lead you.)

After reading this parable what ways could the Holy Spirit be speaking to you in regards to how you use money?

PRAYER

How can the group be in prayer for your needs or concerns this week?

Is there anything that you would like to thank God for from the previous week?