

# Guided Study Luke 16:1-18

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- 1 Now He was also saying to the disciples,  
"There was a rich man who had a manager,  
and this *manager* was reported to him  
as squandering his possessions.
- 2 "And he called him and said to him,  
'What is this I hear about you?  
Give an accounting of your management,  
for you can no longer be manager.'
- 3 "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;  
I am ashamed to beg.
- 4 'I know what I shall do,  
so that when I am removed from the management  
people will welcome me into their homes.'
- 5 "And he summoned  
each one of his master's debtors,  
and he *began* saying to the first,  
'How much do you owe my master?'
- 6 "And he said,  
'A hundred measures of oil.'  
And 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?'  
And he said,  
'A hundred measures of wheat.'  
He *said* to him,  
'Take your bill, and write eighty.'
- 8 "And his master praised the unrighteous manager  
because he had acted shrewdly;  
for the sons of this age are more shrewd  
in relation to their own kind  
than the sons of light.
- 9 "And I say to you,  
make friends for yourselves  
by means of the wealth of unrighteousness,  
so that when it fails,  
they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.
- 10 "He who is faithful in a very little thing  
is faithful also in much;  
and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing  
is unrighteous also in much.
- 11 "Therefore  
if you have not been faithful  
in the *use of* unrighteous wealth,  
who will entrust the true *riches* to you?
- 12 "And if you have not been faithful  
in the *use of* 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 else he will be devoted to one  
and despise the other.  
You cannot serve God and wealth."

## Observation

### Mark and Note ...:

- v 1 Who Jesus was speaking to.  
What the rich man had.  
What the manager was doing.
- v 2 What the man asked the manager to do.
- v 3 What the manager asked himself.  
What the manager could not or would not do.
- v 4 Why he determined to do what he did.
- v 5 Who the manager summoned.  
What he asked the first.
- v 6 How much oil was owed.  
What the manager told him to do with his bill.
- v 7 How much wheat was owed.  
What the manager told him to do with his bill.
- v 8 What the master did.  
Why the master praised the manager.  
Who are more shrewd than the 'sons of light'.
- v 9 What we should do.  
How we should make friends.  
Why we should use 'wealth of  
unrighteousness' to make friends.
- v 10 What he is faithful in.  
What he will be faithful in.  
What he is unrighteous in.  
What he is also unrighteous in.
- v 11 The result of being unfaithful in the use  
of unrighteous wealth.
- v 12 The result of being unfaithful in the use  
of another's things.
- v 13 What no servant can do.  
What he will do to one or the other.

- 14 Now the Pharisees,  
 who were lovers of money,  
 were listening to all these things  
 and were scoffing at Him.
- 15 And He said to them,  
 "You are those who justify yourselves  
 in the sight of men,  
 but God knows your hearts;  
 for that which is highly esteemed among men  
 is detestable in the sight of God.
- 16 "The Law and the Prophets  
 were proclaimed until John;  
 since that time  
 the gospel of the kingdom of God  
 has been preached,  
 and everyone is forcing his way into it.
- 17 "But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away  
 than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.
- 18 "Everyone who divorces his wife  
 and marries another commits adultery,  
 and he who marries one  
 who is divorced from a husband  
 commits adultery.

- v 14 How the Pharisees are described.  
 What they were doing to Jesus.
  - v 15 What Jesus said about the Pharisees.  
 What God knows.  
 What is detestable in God's sight.
  - v 16 What was proclaimed until John.  
 What has been preached since John.  
 Who is forcing their way into the kingdom of  
 God.
  - v 17 What is easier to pass away.  
 What is harder to fail.
  - v 18 Who commits adultery.  
 Who else commits adultery.
- Review the Text and mark other key words or phrases you observe.*

## Interpretation

Answer the following questions in light of: 1. The original author's intended meaning. 2. The context of the passage. 3. The context of the language, culture, geography and historical setting.

vs 1-7 How would you describe the 'rich man' in this story? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you describe the 'manager'? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you have treated the manager for what he did in vs 3-7? \_\_\_\_\_

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vs 8-9 On what basis did the rich man praise his manager? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what way are the 'sons of this age' more shrewd than the 'sons of light'? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Jesus mean by His statement in v 9? \_\_\_\_\_

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From this passage, how does Jesus view wealth? \_\_\_\_\_

vs 10-12 What principle is Jesus teaching regarding faithfulness? \_\_\_\_\_

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How is one unfaithful in unrighteous wealth? \_\_\_\_\_

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v 13 How does wealth become a 'master'? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why does God and wealth both attract our love and devotion? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why can't we serve both? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does this verse relate to vs 10-12? \_\_\_\_\_

vs 14-15 How might the Pharisees have justified themselves in the sight of men? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is significant about the phrase 'God knows your hearts' here? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some examples of things which God detest and man highly esteems? \_\_\_\_\_

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v 16 What are the Law and the Prophets? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who is the John spoken of here? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the 'gospel of the kingdom of God'? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Jesus mean when He says that 'everyone is forcing his way into it.'? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is significant about John being the point at which the proclamation changes? \_\_\_\_\_

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v 17 What is Jesus' point here? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How does this verse relate to the previous one? \_\_\_\_\_  
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v 18 How does this verse relate to v 17? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why do you think Jesus includes this teaching here? (see v 15) \_\_\_\_\_  
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How does Jesus' teaching on divorce compare with today's thinking? \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly summarize** this passage. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Write in a **Title** for this passage in the space above the text.

What did you learn from this passage about God/Jesus Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What did you learn from this passage about yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle** the Key Verse(s) in this passage.

**Memorize** and/or **Meditate** on them.

## Principles & Truths

*List the Principles and Truths taught in this passage.*

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## Applications:

*Apply the Principles and Truths to your life.*

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