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ACCOUNT	GENERATION	STEWARDSHIP
ASHAMED	MEASURES	SUMMONED
COMMENDED	POSITION	TRUSTWORTHY
DEBTORS	PROMISSORY	
DESPISE	PROPERTY	
DIG	PRUDENT	
DISCIPLES	REPORTED	
DISHONEST	SQUANDERING	
DWELLINGS	STEWARD	

Catechizing Corner!

The parable is a wonderful commentary on the mercy and salvation offered by God. Human beings are dependent on God for life itself. The God of mercy is hope for the hopeless. We cannot be saved through our own merit. Only God can save. The bungling steward/manager had the wisdom to count on the mercy he had experienced earlier.

Disciples are to possess similar wisdom. Disciples of Christ are to believe and trust in God's grace. The master does not praise the steward for his dishonest behavior. Rather, the master praises him for the clever way he assured and secured his future. Patricia Sanchez suggests that the steward's solution was not dishonest. He had merely surrendered his own commission, namely, the interest he as manager had added to the principal owed his master. Disciples are to be as clever and enterprising when it comes to preserving their place in God's kingdom.

This parable is called a "so much more" parable. If an unjust steward shrewdly secures his worldly future by the manipulation of wealth, so much more will God's children secure their place in the kingdom of God by using wealth to build God's kingdom.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection

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Question of the Week

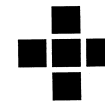
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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 16:1-13

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a **steward** who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.'

The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.'

He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.'

Gospel Glossary

A **steward** is like a manager who is put in charge of the owner's goods, business, and property.

Mammon is wealth and greediness.

Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred *kors* of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and **mammon**.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: How do you live your life with the tension of the have and the have nots?

Teens: Do you have a college fund? Do you contribute to it or is it the responsibility of your family?

Children: Is there something, besides giving material things, to help the poor?

Families: Each member of your household has gifts—acknowledge and thank the others for sharing their gift.

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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