**Luke 16:1-13**

**16**Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. **2**So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’

**3**Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position 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 dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’

**5**So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ **6**He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ **7**Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’

**8**And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. **9**And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

**10**“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. **11**If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? **12**And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

**13**No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

What is meant in this parable and its interpretation?

What does this mean for us?

1. This parable follows 3 parables about being lost and being found. How is that significant for this parable?
2. Imagine you are one of Jesus’ disciples … what stands out to you when you hear the parable and its explanation?
3. Who are the characters in the story?

What are they like? and what do we learn from each one?

1. How might the ‘children of light’ be less shrewd in dealing with their generation?
2. What is Jesus/the master saying here?

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1. “Our modern-day crisis is the threat to peace and prosperity due to the widening gap between rich and poor, and the threat to the sustainability of life on earth due to the careless treatment of fragile ecosystems in the pursuit of wealth creation. “

Discuss, in the light of Luke 16:1-13.

**Prayer of the day:**

O God,

You are rich in love for your people:

Show us the treasure that endures

and, when we are tempted by greed,

call us back into your service

and make us worthy to be

entrusted with the wealth that never fails.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever. Amen.