


The Dishonest Manager

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Observation: What is happening here?:

Parabolic Outline (vv. 1-15):

- vv. 1-2: Manager accused, faces accountability
- vv. 3-7: Manager reduces debts wisely
- v. 8: Master praises manager's wisdom
- vv. 9-12: Faithful stewardship emphasized
- v. 13: Cannot serve both God and money
- vv. 14-15: Pharisees scoff; Jesus reveals God sees hearts

Parabolic Parables:

- Parable of the Talents (*Matt 25:14-30*)
- Parable of the Rich Fool (*Luke 12:13-21*).

Context:

- This parable comes contextually after the Three "Lost" parables: *The Lost Sheep*, *The Lost Coin*, and *The Prodigal (The Lost) Son*.
- This parable is used to help the us consider our heart posture.

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John 6:47 (ESV) "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **believes** has eternal life"

Interpretation: What can we learn (interpret) from this?

- **The Manager Mismanaged What Was Given**

- The manager (steward) mishandled his resources, leading to accountability. The manager could have lost employment.
 - *References: Luke 16:1-2, Proverbs 27:23-24, Romans 14:12*

- **The Manager Changed and Acted Wisely**

- Faced accountability wisely, acted quickly, pleasing his master.
 - Took partial payment; loss of commission or discount of debt.
- Believers should steward wisely for eternal purposes.
 - *References: Luke 16:3-8, Matthew 10:16, Ephesians 5:15-16*

- **God Measures Our Heart**

- Stewardship reveals our true priorities and loyalties.
- It's impossible to serve both God and money simultaneously.
- It is a matter of the heart: God knows what is on the inside
 - *References: Luke 16:13-15, Matthew 6:24, 1 Samuel 16:7*

Application: What can I do? How can I live this out?

- **Belong to God**

- Recognize clearly that everything you have and are belongs to God.
- Respond by placing faith fully in Christ as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
 - *Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 4:2, Luke 12:48, Proverbs 27:23-24*

- **Steward Every Gift**

- Steward your resources (time, money, talents) for God's kingdom.
- Prioritize generosity, Gospel impact, and eternal treasures.
 - **Scriptures: Luke 16:9, Philippians 4:17, Matthew 6:33**

- **Serve God, Not the World**

- Daily choose to prioritize God clearly above worldly concerns.
- Actively demonstrate devotion through love, generosity, and Christ-like living.
 - *Scriptures: Hebrews 13:5, Matthew 6:24, 1 Timothy 6:10-11*