

A close-up photograph of a hand pointing to the word "MOVED" written in sand. The sand is a warm, golden-brown color. The word "MOVED" is written in a simple, blocky font. Below the word, there are some faint, horizontal lines drawn in the sand, possibly representing a ground line or a signature. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the index finger pointing towards the end of the word.

MOVED

BY THE STORYTELLER

# LUKE 16:1-15

- **NIV - THE SHREWD MANAGER**
- **NKJV – THE UNJUST STEWARD**
- **RHV – THE SHREWD STEWARD.**



# THE SHREWD STEWARD

## Luke 16:1-15

Jesus (**also**) told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose steward was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, because you cannot be steward any longer.’ <sup>3</sup> “The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’



# Luke 16:5-7

**5 “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’**

**6 “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.**

**‘The steward told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’**

**7 “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’**

**“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.**

**‘He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’**



# Luke 16:8-9

**8 “The master commended the dishonest steward because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.**



# INTRODUCTION

**>Jesus gave us just shy of forty parables. One out of three — or almost one third — deal with money in some way. Statistics say that we spend more of our waking time thinking about it than not thinking about it. Wow.**

**>Often parables will teach or illustrate one important fact or lesson, two examples:**

- 1. The 10 virgins.**
- 2. Luke 18, the widow and the judge, “Men ought always to pray and not lose heart.”**



# THE PARABLE

- **Two parts, 1. Vs. 1-8 = the parable, vs.9-13 = the application.**
- **The rich man**
- **The steward who had messed things up**
- **The master's reaction, he fires him, but....**



# THE MAIN LESSON

- <sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest steward because he had acted shrewdly. --- For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.” (see note)

**MAIN LESSON: Be shrewd, be wise, be prudent.**

- **In what?**
- In preparing for the future. This steward prepared for the time when he would no longer be steward and he used his masters possessions. (So we are stewards)





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**Jesus’ shifts from the present to the future, from the temporal to the eternal.**



# THE FUTURE: ETERNITY

- **Jesus was future minded, thinking of the new earth, when this cursed one is destroyed. He was future focused. (The Kingdom of God). 2Peter 3:13, "Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."**
- **We are so present day minded, focused on the here and now, on this present earth.**



# CORONA VIRUS = A WAKE-UP CALL

1. Life is very uncertain and can end at any time

2. Life is very brief compared to eternity

•-----eternity

3. The new life begins very serious. Heb.9:27, judgment, stewards must give an account.

**a.** The judgement seat of Christ. **b.** The great white Throne

**(Also)** Before ch.16, ch.15 = the lost. Love your neighbor.



# THE MAIN LESSON

- **Be shrewd, be wise, be prudent.**
- **In what? In preparing for the future.**
- **How? By using our Masters possessions, our money. (King David 1Chron.29:14 – see note)**



# Matthew 6:19-21

**19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**



# LUKE 16:10-12

**<sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”**



# TWO EXAMPLES

- **1. Luke 19. 10 servants, each one mina. Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’<sup>18</sup> And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’<sup>19</sup> Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities.’**
- **2. Matt.25. 5 talents and 2 talents. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**



# LUKE 16:13

- **13 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”**
- **And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.**





# WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS PARABLE?

- **BE SHREWD, BE PRUDENT IN PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE, how?**

By using our possessions, our money to bless others and to reach out to the lost, and they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

- **WHERE AND HOW WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?**

