### Is Money My Master? Luke 16:9-15

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- 1. Mercy in Business (v1-9)
- 2. Faithfulness in
  - the Small Things (v10-12)
- 3. Loving God, Hating Money

(v13-15)



1 There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

2 And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'

Luke 16:1-8 (ESV) (p.1/5)



3 And 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, and I am ashamed to beg.

> > Luke 16:1-8 (ESV) (p.2/5)



4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.'

5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

Luke 16:1-8 (ESV) (p.3/5)



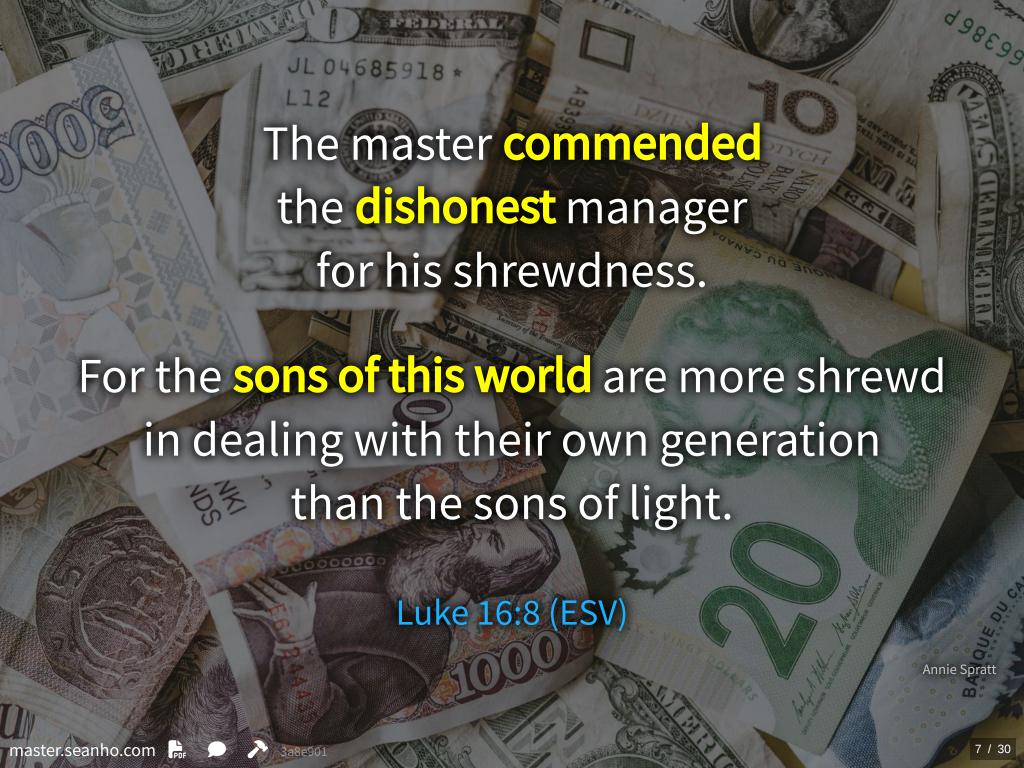
6 He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

> 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?'

He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

Luke 16:1-8 (ESV) (p.4/5)





Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?

Luke 18:6-7 (ESV)

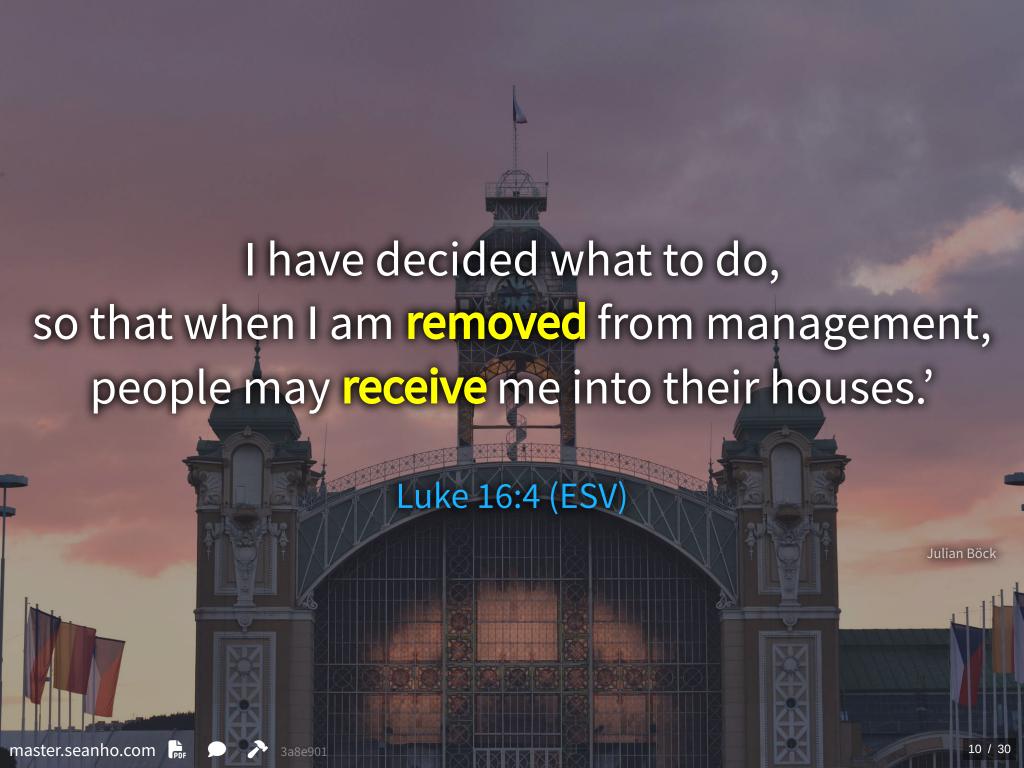
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Luke 16:5-6 (ESV)



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The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness.

For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.

Luke 16:8 (ESV)

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And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth,

so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

Luke 16:9 (ESV)

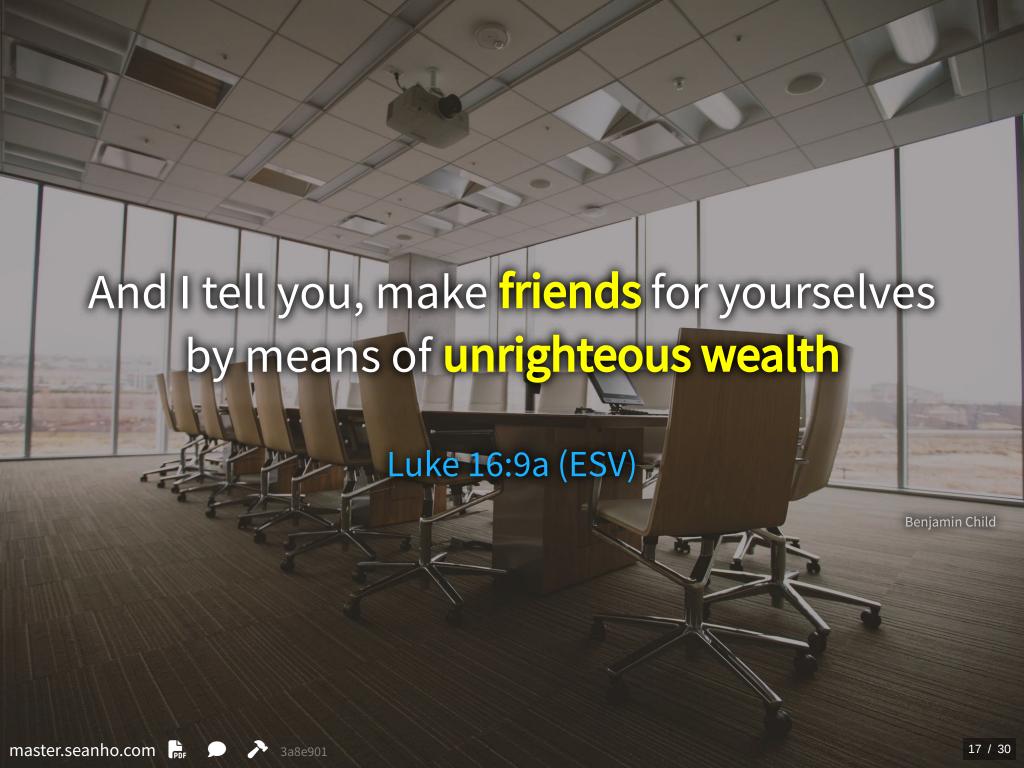
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#### Making Friends Using Wealth

- 1. Make Peace with God
- 2. Support the Saints in Their Need
- 3. Show Mercy to Business Partners





# Do I seek to show mercy in business?



- 2. Faithfulness in the Small Things (v10-12)
- 3. Loving God, Hating Money (v13-15)



10 One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much,

and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

Luke 16:10-12 (ESV) (p.1/2)







11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

Luke 16:10-12 (ESV) (p.

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Therefore I tell you,

do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,

nor about your body, what you will put on.

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Matthew 6:25 (ESV)

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Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.

You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

Aaron Burden





## In what "unimportant" area have I been not so faithful?



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No servant can serve two masters,

for either he will hate the one and love the other,

or he will be <mark>devoted</mark> to the one and **despise** the other.

You cannot serve God and money.

Luke 16:13 (ESV)

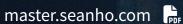
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The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.

Luke 16:14 (ESV)

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And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts.

For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Luke 16:15 (ESV

Carolyn Christine



## Am I trying to love both God and money?

