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A Street-Smart, Savvy Faith

Luke 16.1-15

In today's passage, Jesus tells one of his most surprising parables, praising a dishonest manager for using shrewdness to prepare for the future. Through this challenging story, Jesus calls his followers to use money, possessions, and opportunities wisely, in ways that honor God, and invest in what lasts forever.

What Jesus is NOT saying.

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

Luke 16.8

What lessons can we learn that will help us to achieve a street-smart, savvy faith that pleases Jesus?

1. Responding to Crisis: Learn how to transform **PAINFUL SITUATIONS** into **OPPORTUNITIES** to bless both yourself and others.

"The manager 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—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'"

Luke 16.3-4

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4.11-13

2. Use your time, talents, and resources not just to build your own life, but to **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS** that **LEAD PEOPLE** into **GOD'S KINGDOM**.

"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Luke 16.9

3. Make sure that God is your **GOD** and not **ANYTHING ELSE**.

The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight."

Luke 16.14-15

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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