

# The Shrewd Manager

Luke 16:1–13

Pertinent Details:

*Four Ways the Manager Demonstrates Shrewdness to a Foolish World:*

1. He Demonstrated Shrewdness in \_\_\_\_\_

2. He Demonstrated Shrewdness in \_\_\_\_\_

3. He Demonstrated Shrewdness in \_\_\_\_\_

4. He Demonstrated Shrewdness in \_\_\_\_\_

Application:

## For the Family

**Read together** Luke 16:13:

*No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

**Explain** that Jesus is saying that we have a choice to make in life. We can choose to serve God or we can choose to serve money. But we cannot serve both God and money.

Money is necessary of course. That's why we have jobs, so we can provide for ourselves and our family. We need shelter, food and clothing, transportation, medical care and so on. God provides these for us by giving us skills, training, and opportunities. We earn money that provides what we need.

But money can become a god to us, if we're not careful.

**Read** Exodus 5:7 – *You shall have no other gods before me.*

**Explain** that this is the very first commandment: no other gods. We don't worship false gods or wooden idols as some people did back then. But we can make other things into false gods or idols.

**Explain** how we can know if money is like a god to us:  
Do we think about money a lot or worry about it?  
Do we lie or cheat in order to get more money?  
Do we spend a lot of time taking care of our possessions?  
Is it hard for us to give away our money or possessions?

**Talk together** about how you as a family can work together to keep God number one, and not allow money to take God's place. Talk about trusting God to provide for you, living with what he has given you, and being generous with others.

**Pray together**, thanking God for what he has provided for your family, asking him to help you keep him first in your life, especially over your money and possessions, and helping you be generous with what you have.