

A GOOD AND WISE MANAGER

Luke 16:1-31

Key Verse: 16:9

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

Study Questions:

1. Read verses 1-7. In what way was the manager a selfish man? What did his boss decide to do about it?
2. What was the fired manager's analysis of his situation? Why and how did he suddenly become a good manager? Why did his master commend him?
3. What lesson does Jesus teach his disciples? (8,9) In verse 9, what do the words "worldly wealth" and "eternal dwellings" mean? For what do we have to use worldly wealth?
4. Read verses 10-12. What do these verses teach about the essential quality of a good and wise manager? (See 1Co 4:2) Read verses 13-15. What is the real spiritual problem of the Pharisees? What is the big mistake that self-seeking people make? (15; Ro 2:6-8)
5. Contrast the pleasure-seeking lifestyle of the rich man and the misery of Lazarus (19-21). What was the eternal destiny of each? (22-23) What two requests did the rich man make? (24) Why did Abraham refuse each of them? What can we learn here? (25-31)