

Gospel Reflection

SERVING GOD

The parable of the master and the steward is a troublesome one with many interpretations, some of which can be found in today's Gospel (prudence, making friends, trustworthiness, serving one master). It bothers us that the steward is praised for cheating. But perhaps it is "dishonest wealth" that the steward has been managing for the master all along. In that case we might not be so uncomfortable with the steward's dishonest dealings. We would feel that the steward made things right for the debtors in the parable. Whatever the situation, the steward certainly did *not* serve the interests of the master in the parable. Instead, by easing the burden of the poor debtors, the steward served his own self-interest, the interests of the debtors, and the interest of God "who lifts up the poor" (Psalm 113:7).

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KEEPING FAITH FIRST FAMILY FUN

Luke 16:1-13

Y M M A C C O U N T Y D V
U H F E R N D C S A R E S
L C T N A E O E E E O M U
S W T R S S N M G H S A M
J N K P O O U S M W S H M
F G I T H W N R J A I S O
I S X S R O T B E D M A N
E L I V J X J S D S O I E
O D R A W E T S U C R O D
P R U D E N T L Y R P V D
G M W V I I I Q V J T G Y
B N M H X O J V T J U G R
G G N I R E D N A U Q S J

Find these words from the Gospel passage.

ACCOUNT	ASHAMED	DEBTORS
DESPISE	DISHONEST	MAMMON
MEASURES	OIL	PROMISSORY
PRUDENTLY	SQUANDERING	STEWARD
SUMMONED	TRUSTWORTHY	WHEAT

Disciple's Reflection & Questions of the Week

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9/23/07*

*Luke 16:1-13
Faith-Sharing
Questions of the Week*



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Call to Prayer

We begin by calling upon God:

**In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit, Amen.**

We then pause for a moment to listen with our hearts to this week's Gospel passage...

The Word of God: *Luke 16:1-13*

The Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.'

The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.'

"He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?'

"He replied, "One hundred measures of olive oil.'

"He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.'

"Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.'

"The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.'

"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

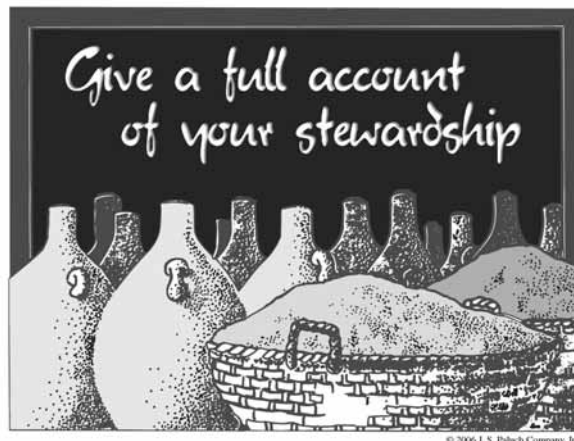
"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?

"If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

The Gospel of the Lord



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week

- What are some dishonest practices that disturb me? What does this say about what I value?
- How do I show that I am trustworthy in small and large matters?

Closing Prayer

*Father in heaven,
the perfection of justice is found in
your love and all of humanity is in
need of your law. Help us to find
this love in each other, that justice
may be attained through obedience to
your law. We ask this through
Christ our Lord.*

Amen

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