

## The Parable of the Shrewd Manager, Luke 16:1-15

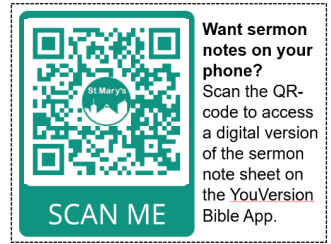
**Theme:** Everyone has a Master, so make sure its God and not your money.

**Aim:** Serving God will mean a life of wise, trustworthy, generous stewardship of our money.

Money makes the World go around...

But Christians we trust in the Greatest Economic Reversal

**2 Cor 8v9**



**The Parable... v1-8**

**Three investment tips...**

1. Be Generous now for the sake of guaranteed future returns v9

- Only people last forever

2. Be trustworthy with what God has given you for the sake of true riches to come v10-12

- True responsibility is to come

3. Be Devoted to God by despising your money v13

Hearts will often follow where our treasure is first sent.

**Reflection Questions:**

1. Take a look at the reaction of the Pharisees in v 14. How might we be tempted to react after looking at Jesus' teaching, and specifically having discussed finances?
2. Jesus tells us in v15 that God knows our hearts. How should this challenge us in regard to the often very private area of our finances?
3. What practical steps can we take this week to act on Jesus' investment tips to ensure shrewd use of our money?

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