

# The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

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JESUS: There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So the rich man called the manager in.

RICH MAN: What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.

MANAGER: *(aside to audience)* '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... *(paces a bit, then gets an idea)* I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.

JESUS: So he called in each one of his master's debtors.

MANAGER: How much do you owe my master?

DEBTOR 1: Eight hundred gallons of olive oil.

MANAGER: Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.

MANAGER: And how much do you owe?

DEBTOR 2: A thousand bushels of wheat.

MANAGER: Take your bill and make it eight hundred.

RICH MAN: You have acted shrewdly, taking care of yourself by cheating. You are dishonest too.

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

RICH MAN: Who are these children of light?

JESUS: Christians. People who follow me. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.