

1. Introduction
 - a. Story of unjust steward
 - crooked general manager of company
 - dishonest personal assistant to wealthy family
 - b. Jesus makes several true observations about human nature
2. ~~Master~~ Owner's Discovery
 - a. Accused of not taking care of owner's property
 - b. Owner brings in man to answer about his job performance
 - c. Owner ready to fire him
3. Steward's Reaction
 - a. He didn't want to do manual labor
 - he didn't want to beg
 - b. He decided to make business deals with owner's debtors
4. Steward's Cheating
 - a. He decided to give huge discounts to owner's debtors
 - people owed money to owner
 - b. Discounts
 - 100 down to 50
 - 100 to 80
 - c. Steward only reduced amount of debt - not eliminate it
 - d. Other part of business deal was for debtor to give him place to live
5. Owner's Reaction
 - a. Owner loved steward's clever solution

- 5b. Owner could afford reduction on money owed
- owner gave steward word of commendation
6. Jesus Commentary
- Humans are many times smarter than in their generation than God's children of light
 - Make wise use of your money
 - Use it to make friends when possible
 - cynical but knowing with how society works
7. Jesus Teaching on Faithfulness
- You cannot serve (love) God & money at same time
 - no man can serve 2 masters
 - Either he will hate one & love the other
 - Or he will be loyal to one & despise the other
 - He who is faithful in little will be faithful in much
 - he who is unjust in little will be unfaithful in much (unjust) *dishonest
 - If you have not been faithful in little things, or small amounts of money, who will give you things of your own?
 - who will trust you with more money?