

Shrewd Saints (Luke 16:1-13) PENTECOST 17 2007

Introduction: *George Washington Carver: a shrewd saint!*

I. LET'S TALK ABOUT SHREWD PEOPLE TODAY

- A. They come from all walks of life.....
- B. What about being shrewd Christians?

II. LET'S LOOK AT THE SHREWD STEWARD IN JESUS' PARABLE

- A. He wrote the "book" on shrewdness!
(Lk. 16:1-8)

- B. How can this shrewd steward be a model for followers of Jesus?

- C. There are (at least) two lessons for us here
 - 1. Jesus wants us to come to grips with the real crisis in life: eternity
 - 2. Jesus wants us to believe there is nothing too big for God & us to handle

- The nine physically handicapped people that climbed Mt. Rainier

III. LET'S SEE WHAT MONEY & POSSESSIONS HAVE TO DO WITH SHREWDNESS

- A. They can be used to make friends for God (v.9)

- B. Jesus wants us to use our money and possessions (shrewdly) for heaven's sake

- C. God blesses us with worldly goods that we might be a blessing to others (vv. 10-13)

- D. God's "heavenly shrewdness" is our salvation!
(2 Cor. 8:9)

Conclusion: *The young soldier's shrewd fiancee' is his salvation*