

## “Shrewd Saints”

Luke 16:1-15

A photograph showing a hand in a dark suit sleeve dropping a gold coin into another hand held palm up. The background is a light green wall. The text 'SHREWD SAINTS' is overlaid in large, bold, black letters.

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### 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! (Luke 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 Corinthians 8:9)

### CONCLUSION:

*The young soldier's shrewd fiancé was his salvation*