

“LET’S BE SHREWD SAINTS”

(Luke 16:1-15)

INTRODUCTION: *The definition of “shrewd” . . .*

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 (“the great exchange”) is our salvation! (2 Corinthians 8:9)

CONCLUSION: **“Shrewd”**: *determined, dogged, innovative, far-sighted, not willing to give up*