

**Lesson 16:  
"The Unrighteous  
Steward"**

Luke 16:1-18  
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**SONS OF THIS AGE ARE  
SHREWD**

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- Sons of this age stay focused on their goal. Luke 16:4
  - Survival in the material world.
- Sons of light must stay focused on the goal of spiritual blessings. Luke 16:9
  - Dare not let the world distract us

**WHAT SHOULD WE DO?**  
(Luke 16:9-12)

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- Be faithful stewards of material blessings. Luke 16:9 (faithful in what is "least," 16:10)
- Be faithful stewards of spiritual blessings. Luke 16:10 (faithful in "much")
  - Spiritual riches. Luke 16:11-12 (Colossians 2:6-10)

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- Godly priorities. Luke 16:13 (Matthew 6:33-34)
- Use material blessings to do good and lay up eternal treasures. Luke 12:33-34 (1 Timothy 6:17-19); Acts 20:35
- The Lord is comparing the physical acts of this steward with our spiritual responsibilities.

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- Take care of spiritual wealth. Luke 16:11-12
  - Do not love money. Luke 16:14-15
  - Do not leave our first love. Revelation 2:4-5
  - Don't be lukewarm in faith. Revelation 3:15-18
  - Abound in the work of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58

**SONS OF LIGHT**

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*Luke 16:13, "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."*

## SONS OF LIGHT

- “Mammon” (*mamona*) is earthly possessions, worldly riches, “wealth, property” (BAGD, 491); “not merely in money but also in property and anything of value (e.g., slaves) ... possessions is contrasted with the life or body as man’s living possession” (TDNT, 388). “What is trusted in” (Thayer, 388).
- Mammon will fail when we lose it or when we die. Proverbs 23:5, “*Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For (riches) certainly make themselves wings, Like an eagle that flieth toward heaven.*”