



Shrewd Managers
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What Is A Parable?

- **Matthew 13:34-35 (Psalm 78:2)**
 - Parable / Greek “Parabole” / Strong’s #3850
 - “Casting or placing side by side”
 - “To compare likeness or similitude”



What Is A Parable?

- A Parable is **not** a straightforward description of an event, just as it occurred or will occur.
- A Parable is intended to be **similar** to a real event or a comparison that has to be **interpreted** to reveal the true meaning .

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- Purpose of the Parables
 - **Matthew 13:10-17**
 - ✓ Unwillingness on the part of the people to receive Jesus' message



The Parables of Luke 15

- **Jesus' Discussion in Luke 15 is Composed of 3 Distinct Illustrations**
 - **The Lost Sheep**
 - **The Lost Coin**
 - **The Lost Son**
- ✓ **It is essentially one parable with three illustrations. Luke uses the singular 'this parable', when introduces the three illustrations in verse 3.**



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■ Perplexing and Thought-Provoking

❖ Luke 16:1-13

- **Context:** Luke 15 parables – rescue the lost and lead them to repentance
- ***“Shrewdly”*** – the Greek word means *“wisely, sensibly, prudently”*



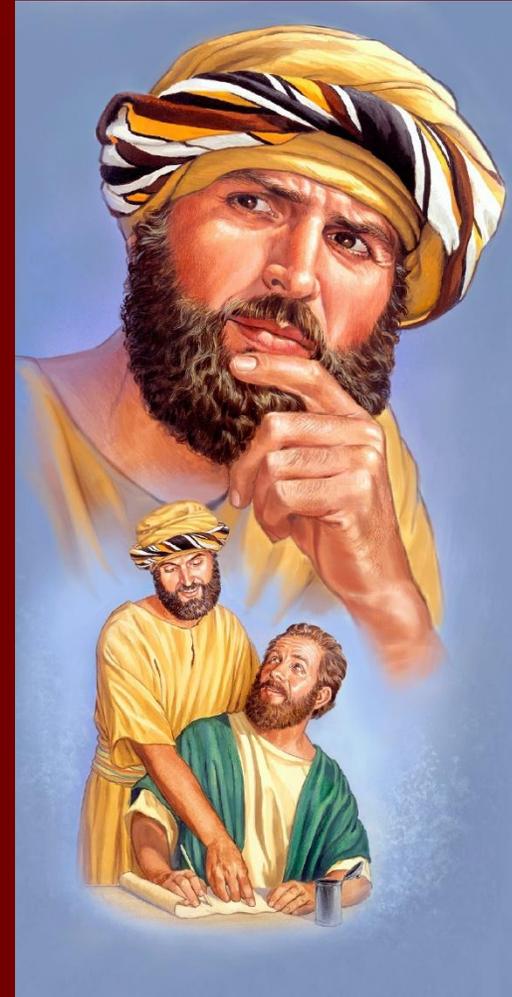
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■ Can Worldly Wisdom Be Good and Evil?

❖ Luke 16:1-8

➤ Proverbs 12:8

➤ Ecclesiastes 2:21



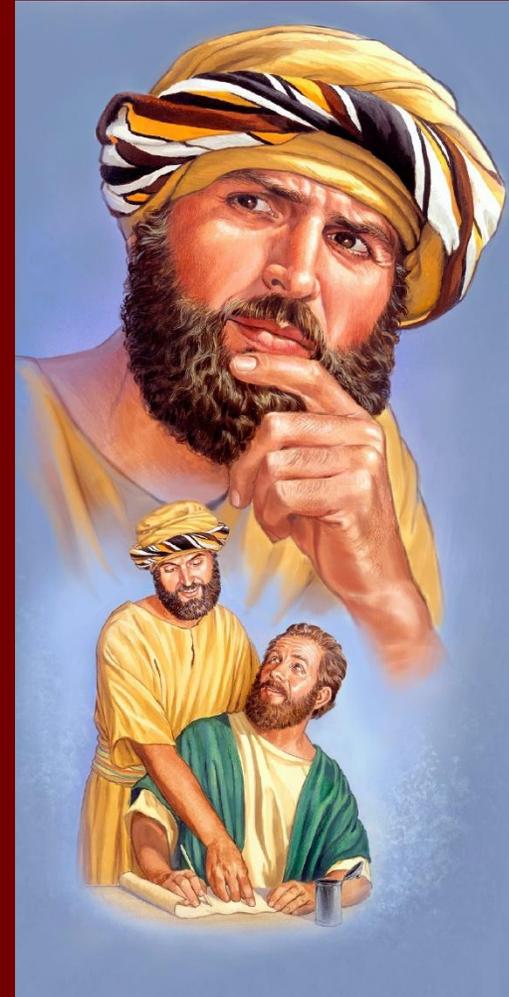
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■ Are the wise called to salvation at this time?

❖ **Luke 16:8**

➤ **I Corinthians 1:26-27**

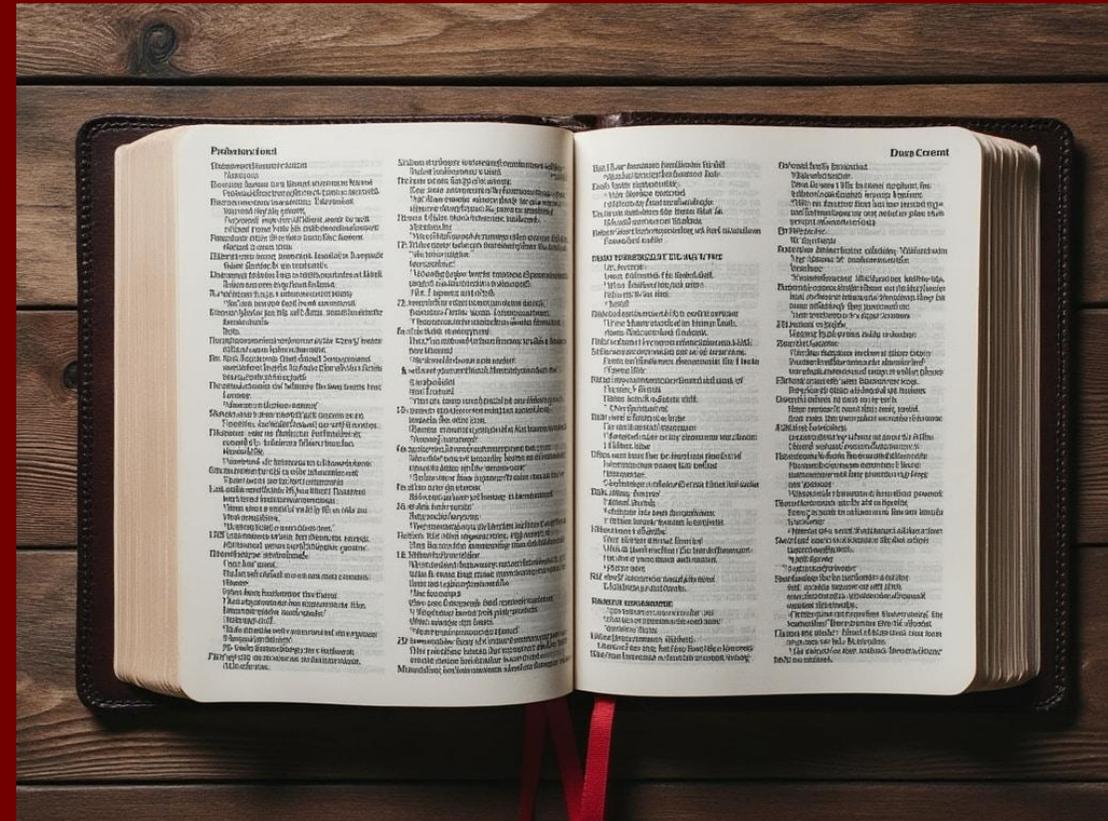
➤ **I Corinthians 3:19**



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■ How do those without wisdom obtain it?

- James 1:5-8
- James 3:13-17
- I Corinthians 2:16



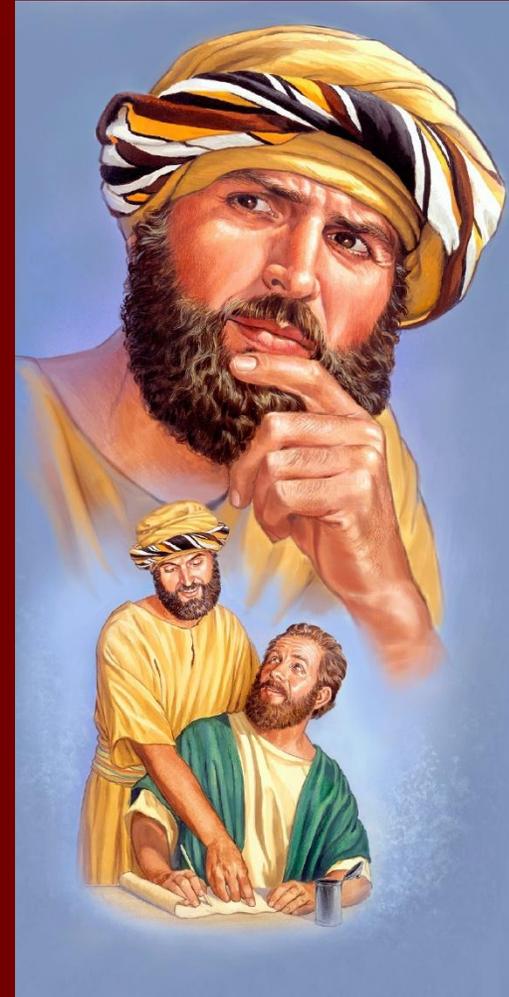
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- **What is meant by “unrighteousness mammon”?**
 - **Luke 16:9**
 - **Matthew 10:16**
 - **James 4:4**



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- How are we to use this “mammon”?
 - Luke 16:10-13
 - Matthew 6:19-24
 - James 2:23
 - I Timothy 6:10



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- **What's the point of the parable?**
 - ✓ **Be Shrewd (foresight)**
 - ✓ **Avert Spiritual Crisis**
 - ✓ **Expend Foresight & Energy to Spiritual Matters**
 - ✓ **Be Carefully Honest & Reliable**