

The Unjust Steward

(Based on Luke 16:1-18)

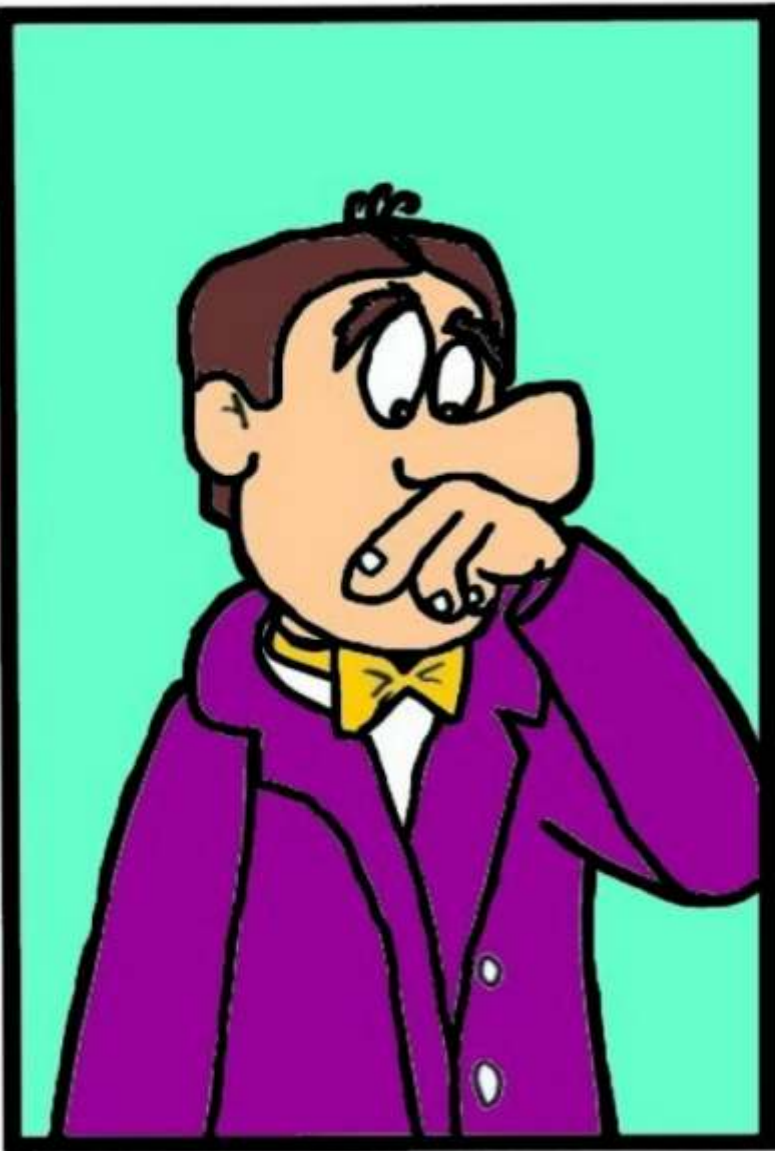
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Jesus told a story. “There was a rich man who had a supervisor working for him in charge of all his business.” ‘This man who works for you, wastes your stuff,’ said people to the rich man.



The rich man called the supervisor into his office. 'I hear you are wasting my stuff. What do you have to say about this? Tell me exactly how you have been running my business and spending my money. You can no longer be in charge of my stuff.'



The supervisor said inside himself, 'What am I going to do since my boss is taking the job away from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to become a beggar. I know what I will do so that when I lose my job here, other people will take me into their homes!'



‘How much do you owe my boss?’ asked the supervisor to the first man. ‘I owe your boss 100 barrels of oil,’ answered the man. ‘Sit down quickly take your bill and write 50 instead of 100,’ said the supervisor.



‘How much do you owe my boss?’ he asked a second man. ‘I owe your boss 100 bushels of wheat,’ answered the second man. ‘Quick, take your bill and change it from 100 to 80,’ said the supervisor.



When the boss found out what the sneaky supervisor had done, he was impressed by how the supervisor had taken care of his future.



And I say to you, use your money to make friends and when everything comes to an end, they will welcome you into their eternal homes.



If you are honest and dependable with a little bit, you will be also with a lot. But if you cheat when you have a little, you will cheat when you have a lot. Either God is your boss or money is your boss.”



The phony Pharisees who loved money, heard what Jesus was teaching and they made fun of Jesus. Jesus said to them, “You always try to look like good guys so people will like you, but God knows what is inside!”



Lord, help me to always be honest with money and to use money to help others and make eternal friends.