

At first glance the parable that Christ gives us in our Gospel this weekend is a little disconcerting. The parable of the dishonest steward, a parable about a businessman that is praised not for his virtue, but shrewdness. So, is this Christ giving us the okay to be dishonest in business matters, as long as we are clever about it? Of course not!

Christ is asking us to put material wealth to use in a shrewd way, to be clever about what our financial blessings mean to us, and how we use them. We are never to be possessed by objects, money, or security. All those things are fleeting, it is God alone that should possess our hopes and dreams for our ourselves and our loved ones.

Whatever we have in this life, is to be used at the service of God, not this world. We should absolutely materially care for those we love; we should be responsible with what we have, but we should never consider comfort our goal, our goal is eternal life for our loved ones.

May the Love, Peace and Grace of God be with you,

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