



## WHAT TO DO WHILE YOUR LIFE IS HAPPENING "Make Smart Decisions" Luke 16:1-15

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### I. An Activity Computed. vv. 1-2

- A. A son who "squandered" his own inheritance. 15:13
- B. A steward who "wasted" his master's assets. 16:1

### II. An Action Commended. vv. 3-8

- A. An action undertaken.
  - 1. Hindsight. 2. Insight. 3. Foresight.
- B. An action understood.
  - 1. Promissory notes included interest.
  - 2. Charging interest illegal. Deuteronomy 23:19
  - 3. Cancelling interest a smart move.
    - a. Debtors delighted.
    - b. Steward secured.
    - c. Master mollified.
- C. An action underscored.
  - 1. The "*kyrios*" commended the steward.  
*Kyrios* = "Lord" or master.
  - 2. The steward was "*adikia*"—"dishonest."
    - a. Whole career?
    - b. This instance?
    - c. Compared to "righteous?"
  - 3. The commendation is for "*phronimos*"—"shrewd."
    - a. See Matthew 10:16 b. cf. Luke 12:20

### III. An Attitude Commanded. vv. 9-15

"People of the light" should get smart...

- A. About their ministry.
  - Like the steward they should:
    - 1. Recognize their situation.
    - 2. Resolve to act.
    - 3. React with alacrity.
- B. About their money.
  - 1. Serving "mammon" means you serve "god."
  - 2. Serving God means "mammon" serves him.
  - 3. Serving both is impossible.
- C. About their master.
  - 1. What "men" highly value God despises.
  - 2. What God highly values disciples love.

**Points to ponder:** How smart have I been so far? What smart decisions do I need to be making now?