



## **The Dishonest Manager     Luke 16:1-13**

### **Something to Start Us Off**

- Try to describe a time when an important deadline caught you by surprise.

### **Something to Notice**

- To find out what motivated the manager, read v.4 again. What does it say?
- In v.9 Jesus straightforwardly gives us a lesson from the story. What does he say we should do with our “unrighteous wealth [*mammon*]”?
- Another principle Jesus teaches in this section is found in v.10. Read that verse one more time.

### **Something to Understand**

In vv. 10-13 we see the love/hate contrast similar to what we saw earlier in Luke 14:25-33. It is best to take these as terms relative to one another, something like accept and reject.

- What do you think was going through the manager’s mind when he found out that he was going to lose his job – and that he would have to give an account? (vv. 1-2)
- Imagine you are one of the manager’s clients in vv. 5-7. How might you respond to the offer he makes you?
- Some people find v.8 confusing. Can you describe what you think Jesus means?

*Jesus reminded his disciples that they were stewards of their earthly resources, not owners. So they should use their possessions with eternity in mind. – Tony Evans*

### **Something to Take Home**

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 16, what lessons do we learn about using the present to prepare for the future?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 16:1-13 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?