Sermon Notes

Luke 16 **August 2, 2026**

Tales from the Christ: The Shrewd Manager

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I. Street Smart and World Wise

II. Parable of the Shrewd Manager
- A. Perhaps the most confusing, difficult parable
- B. Everyone is slippery
  1. The manager for cooking the books
  2. The vendors for taking a cut
  3. The owner for exorbitant fees
- C. ***The master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly***
  1. What was he being praised for?
  2. For being _____
- D. ***The sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light***.

III. Jesus' Use of, "How Much More. . ."
- A. Examples from other parables
- B. Applying it to this parable
  1. If this crooked generation knows how to get what they want tomorrow, how much more should believers be shrewd about getting what they want for eternity
  2. This is not a game of working the system

IV. Philippians 3

. . .but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. . .forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

V. Be Shrewd. Be Savvy.
- A. ***"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."***
- B. Whatever you need to do, be there!