The Gospel of LUCE

Chapter 16:1-9 Wealth Management

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³ "The manager thought to himself, 'Now what? My boss has fired me. I don't have the strength to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg. ⁴ Ah, I know how to ensure that I'll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.' ⁵ "So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe him?'

⁶ The man replied, 'I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.' So the manager told him, 'Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.' ⁷ "And how much do you owe my employer?' he asked the next man. 'I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,' was the reply. 'Here,' the manager said, 'take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.'

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• RICH MAN = GOD

MANAGER / STEWARD = SONS OF THIS AGE, DISCIPLES AND GENTILES

• **REPORTERS = PHARISEES**

• MONEY = GOD'S PROVISIONS / LAW

WE HAVE STEWARDSHIP OVER GOD'S KINGDOM

HOW WE MANAGE IT IS SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

ULTIMATELY, WE WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE



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OUR TRUE WEALTH IS PROVIDED BY GOD

WE SHOULD REFLECT TRUTHFULLY ON OUR PERSONAL ABILITIES AND ACTIONS

OUR ACTIONS DESERVE CAREFUL REFLECTION



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RECONCILIATION INVOLVES THE ADVANCEMENT OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED

OFTEN RECONCILIATION MEANS ACCEPTING A DISAGREEABLE OR UNWELCOME THING

IT IS WISE TO DEAL WITH WORLDLY MATTERS IN A SPIRITUAL LIGHT

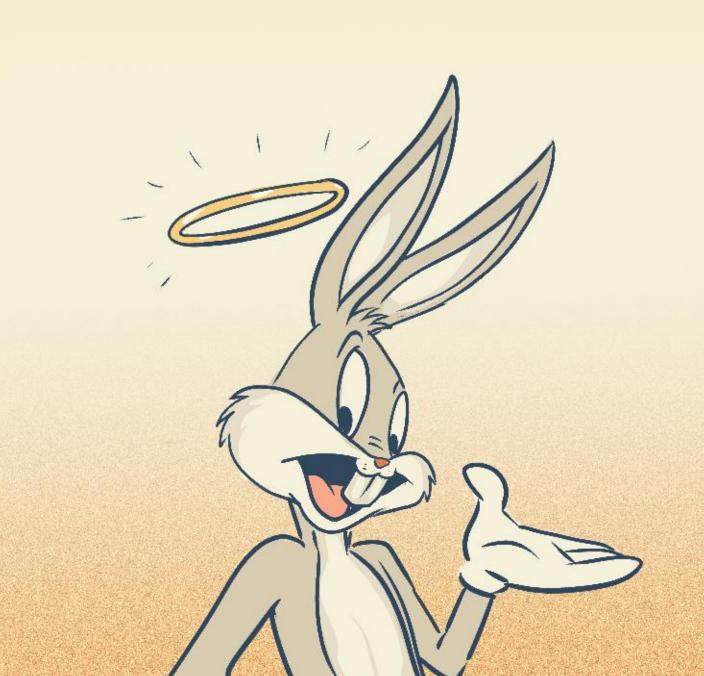
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⁸ And the lord commended the unrighteous steward that he did prudently, because the sons of this age are more prudent than the sons of the light, in respect to their generation.⁹ and I say to you, Make to yourselves friends out of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when ye may fail, they may receive you to the age-during tabernacles.





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