



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022



Take your Pulse

What hobby could you talk about all day long?

What subject bores you to tears?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 16

This chapter has a couple familiar parables in them. Familiarity doesn't always mean easier in understanding, however. A shrewd manager about to get fired is commended for cutting debts in half and more. Not even a letter of the law will be dropped. And there is a chasm fixed between the eternal haves and the eternal have nots. Jesus is good at pointing out how we see the world and using that against us. We think being shrewd is the only way to get ahead in the world, and so it is. We have often painted a picture where harsh judgment of the law is never-ending, yet the openness to forgiveness is out of reach. It is the sins of this world that have cast an uncrossable chasm between haves and have nots. These parables call us to examine our world views and how much our world view shapes our understanding of God's Kingdom.



Start the Thinking

What if we were so generous in forgiving the debt of sin, as the parable of the shrewd manager was shrewd in forgiving debt of money to his master? How might we live differently if we thought God was going to "Fire" us—would we become skillfully adept at forgiving the sins of others?



Conversing with God

O Holy God, we sometimes get our world view mixed up with your vision for the Kingdom, and we assume your Kingdom must be just like our world. But the parables your Son used open us to examine our world view, and lead us to a new vision, one that truly is different from anything we have ever known. Lead us by this new vision, and guide us to follow the way of Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen



Be blessed

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.