

A person wearing a long, light-colored robe and a blue sash is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the wet sand. The ocean waves are visible in the background. The text "THE GOSPEL OF LUKE" is overlaid in white, with "LUKE" being significantly larger than "THE GOSPEL OF".

THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

A LESSON IN SHREWDNESS

Luke 16:1-13

Understanding Parables

- Remember that parables are stories that reveal a spiritual truth
- Know the audience
- Look for comparison or contrast

Augustine

“Why did the Lord set this before us? It is not because that servant cheated but because he exercised foresight for the future...He was insuring himself for a life that was going to end.”

RC Sproul

“Jesus was saying in the parable of the unjust steward that if unbelievers in the secular world are shrewd and smart enough to look out for their best interest for tomorrow, how much more should the people of God look to the future of heaven? If the corrupt person is smart enough as a steward to manage his money well, how much more is that incumbent upon the children of light to manage their money as God requires?”

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