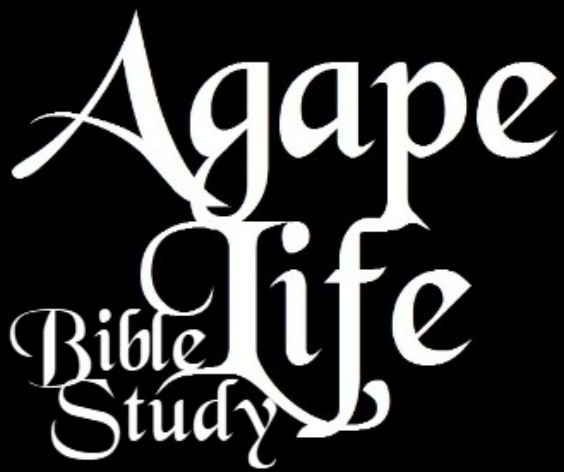


Agape Life





Jesus Storyteller:
Timeless Truths from His Parables
A Study of Luke

Lesson 11

Ars Longa - Vita Brevis - Deus Eternus

Luke 16:1-15

- I. A Crafty Businessman – Luke 16:1-8a**
- II. Crafty Ways but a Short Life – Luke 16:8b-9**
- III. Crafty Ways & Short Life vs. Eternal God
– Luke 16:10-15**



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Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



A Quick Review

Reading and Understanding Parables

- >Read them as simple stories, not as allegories**
- >Identify the audience that's listening
and the culture in which they lived**
- >Take note of what prompted the parable**
- >Look for connections and groupings of parables**
 - Ex. Luke 15, lost things**
- >Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing**
 - The Kingdom is the Main Thing**



Linguistics & Aphorisms

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From Hippocrates to You

tékhne makré – **Ars Longa** – art (craft) long

bíos brakhús – **Vita Brevis** – life short

Αἰώνιος Θεός – **Deus Eternus** – God Eternal

(The “Deus Eternus” bit was produced in keeping with the BYEV.)



I.
**A Crafty
Businessman
Luke 16:1-8a**



I. A Crafty Businessman – Luke 16:1-8a

What questions or comments do you have about the parable itself?

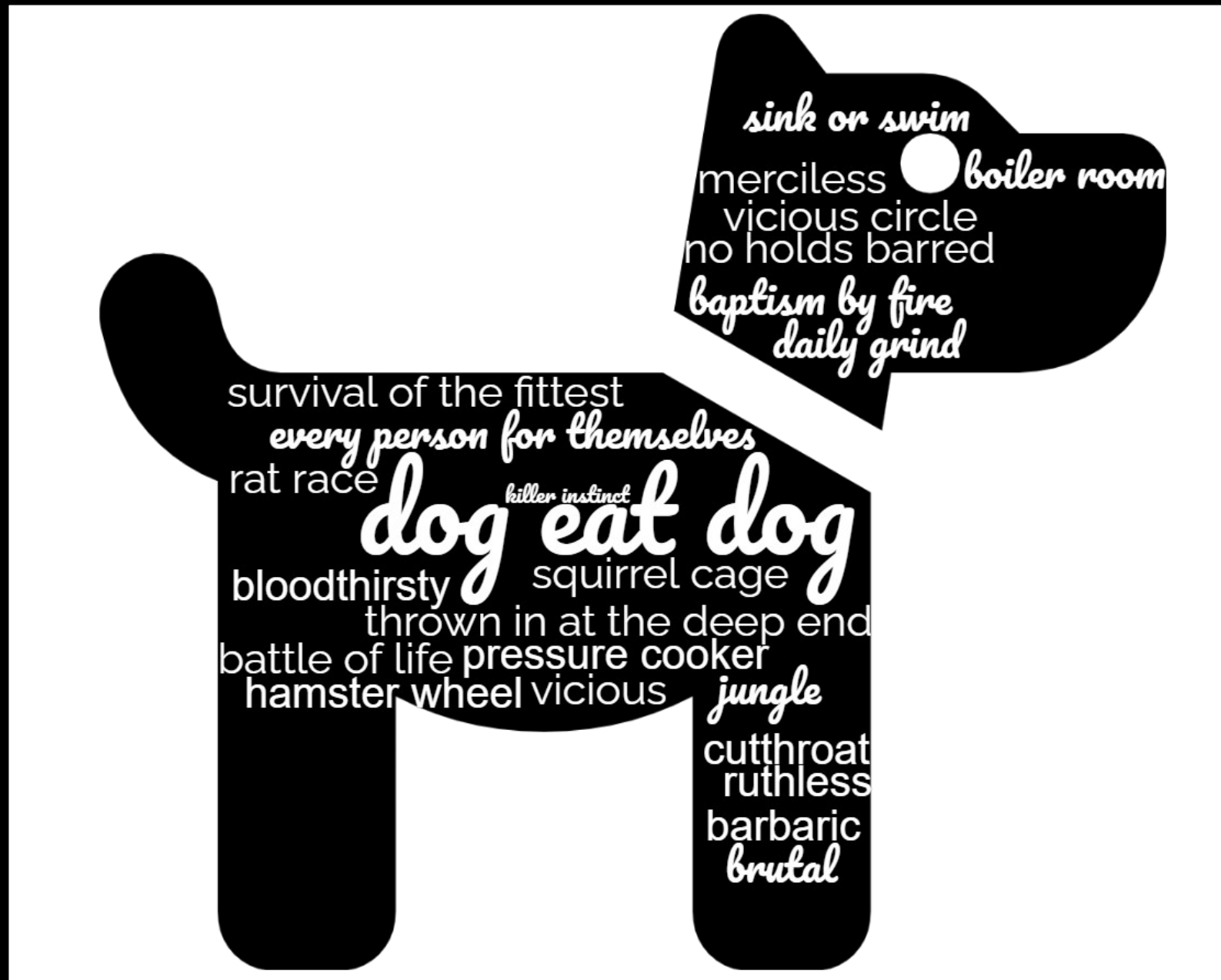
What is your opinion of the business owner?

What is your opinion of the business manager?



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**“The most important investment you can make
is in yourself.”
- Warren Buffet**

**“Business is a combination of war and sport.”
- Andre Maurois**

**“Always look for the fool in the deal. If you don’t find one,
it’s you.” - Mark Cuban**

**“The profit motive, when it is the sole basis of an
economic system, encourages a cutthroat competition
and selfish ambition that inspires men to be more
concerned about making a living than making a life.”**

— Martin Luther King Jr.



II.
Crafty Ways
but a
Short Life
Luke 16:8b-9



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**Does Jesus commend the shrewd manager
as the owner does?**



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Does Jesus commend the shrewd manager as the owner does?

V. 8b – Jesus affirms the craftiness of worldly people over people of the light, that is Christians.

Φρόνιμος – phronimos - practically wise, sensible

Matthew 10:16 – As Jesus is sending out his disciples he cautions them to be as shrewd as snakes but as harmless as doves.



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V. 9 – Jesus affirms the futility of seeking after worldly wealth.



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V. 9 – Jesus affirms the futility of seeking after worldly wealth.

Psalm 49:11 - Their graves are their eternal homes, their dwelling places to all generations

Ecclesiastes 12:5 – . . . because man is going to his eternal home



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When you combine the manager's goal in verse 4 with Jesus' statement in verse 9 you arrive at this extrapolation of the text:

If you want to pay people off in order to gain access to their homes, go ahead. They will in turn be there to usher you into your eternal home – your grave – and in reality, that's all you'll get.



III.

Crafty Ways & Short Life vs. Eternal God Luke 16:10-13



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III. Crafty Ways & Short Life vs. Eternal God – Luke 16:10-15

**Where does your loyalty lie?
Who or what is your master?**

**Where does your heart lie?
Who or what do you love the most?**

**Where is your mind fixed?
Who or what occupies most
of your attention?**



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III. Crafty Ways & Short Life vs. Eternal God – Luke 16:10-15

Man's Ways vs. God's Ways
Temporary vs. Eternal

Worldly Wealth
vs.
Heavenly Treasure



III. Crafty Ways & Short Life vs. Eternal God – Luke 16:10-15

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21



NEXT WEEK

The Perils of Proud Praying

Luke 18:9-14



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