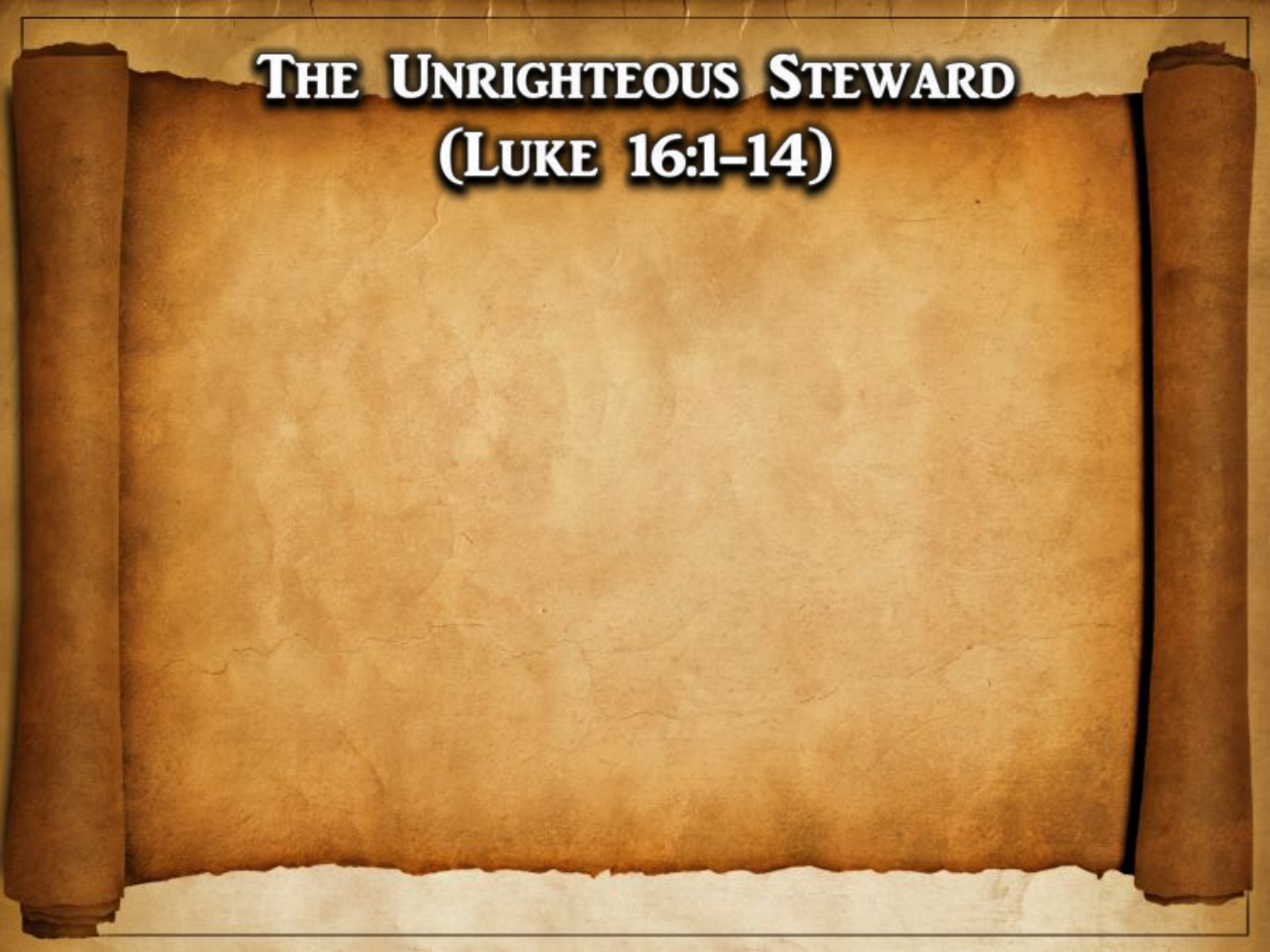


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- **Jesus began speaking to His disciples (vs. 1).**
- **The main characters are a rich man and his manager (vs. 1).**
- **While neither of these man are named, both of their roles were well understood in Bible times.**

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(LUKE 16:1-14)

- **The master was a man of great wealth. The very fact that he had a servant who managed his affairs demonstrates this.**
- **This signifies that he was a man of status, position, and honor.**
- **The Lord calls him “rich” in verse 1.**

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- **The steward was someone of considerable authority.**
- **He was the sole manager of all that the master had. He held the position of a business administrator.**
- **This means he could buy, sell, negotiate, and do all the things that were necessary to manage the affairs of his master.**

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- **The steward “squandered” his master’s goods (vs. 1).**
- **The evidence was so strong against him that it was dismissed without delay (vs. 2).**
- **The steward did not even make a defense for himself. He knew he was guilty!**

THE UNRIGHTEOUS STEWARD

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- **Before being let go the steward was called to give an account for his actions.**
- **The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.’ (vss. 3-4)**

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- **The steward defrauded his master by discounting those who owed his master.**
- **He gave them huge discounts (discounts that accounted for large sums of money).**
- **He set up a system of crooked kickbacks for all of his master's debtors (vss. 5-8).**

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- **And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'** (vs. 6)
- **The oil here probably represents olive oil. Olive oil was very precious and expensive during this time. The steward cut this man's bill in half (by several thousand dollars)! He decreased the bills of all of the men who were in debt to his master.**

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- **This was all about preservation!**
- **The steward was looking out for his future.**
- **The master praised the steward's shrewdness (vs. 8).**

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- **The Lord announces that men of the world (wicked as they may be), are often wiser than those who claim to follow God.**
- **The people of this world (sons of the world) are often wiser than the people of God (sons of light).**
- **The children of light (disciples) ought to show as much forethought, planning and preparation as the children of the world.**

THE UNRIGHTEOUS STEWARD

(LUKE 16:1-14)

- The Lord mentions “unrighteous wealth” in verses 9 and 11. This wealth is contrasted with “true riches” in verse 11.
- The unrighteous wealth is a reference to earthly wealth that people put their trust in.

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(LUKE 16:1-14)

- **“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”
(vs. 13)**
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THE UNRIGHTEOUS STEWARD

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