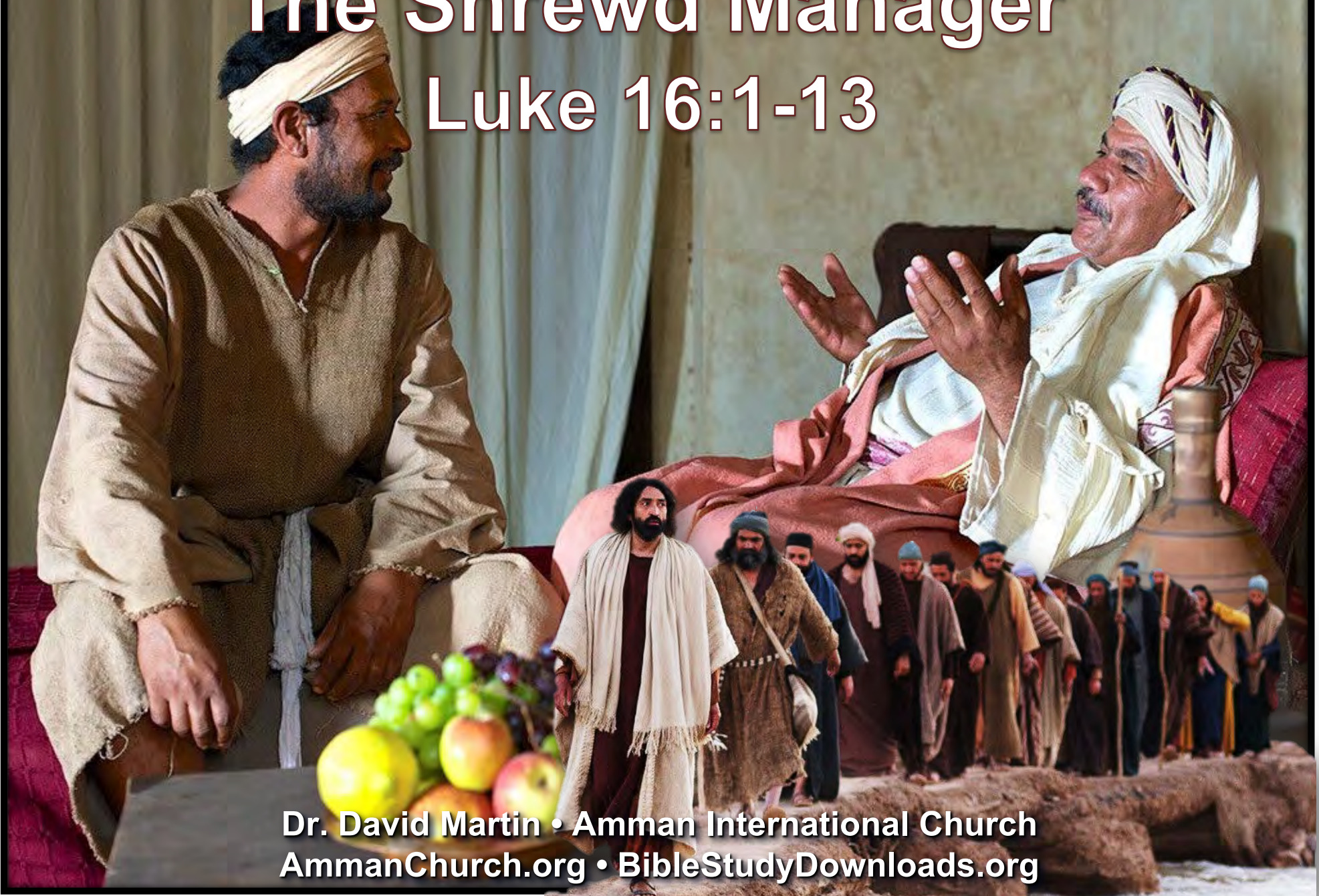


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Luke 16:1-13



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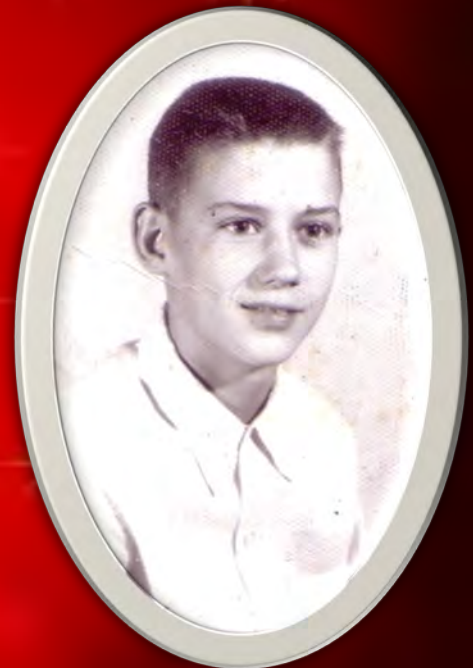
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Luke 16.1-13

The Issue:
A disciple's role
as a steward

Jesus addresses key misunderstandings:

- ◆ Luke 15: Wrong attitudes towards people
- ◆ Luke 16: Wrong attitudes towards "mammon"


PARABLE ON STEWARDSHIP



- ✓ He was very wealthy
- ✓ He was a big land owner
- ✓ He delegated complete management (cf. Gen. 39:1,4-6)
- ✓ He heard bad reports
- ✓ He held the steward accountable



LUKE 16:2

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- A man with a beard and a white headband, wearing a brown robe, stands behind a table. On the table are several items: a bowl of fruit including green grapes, red apples, and a yellow lemon; three small, reddish-brown wine cups; and a large, dark brown ceramic jug. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.
- ✓ He had full legal authority
 - ✓ He was supposed to use assets to benefit the master
 - ✓ He squandered his master's resources
 - ✓ He saw the end coming
 - ✓ He considered his options

LUKE 16:1,3-4

LUKE 16:5-7



reward summoned all creditors
significantly reduced each contract

Contract

I owe 50
measures of
olive oil

Signed:



Deuteronomy 23:19

"You shall not charge interest to
your countrymen."



50 measures borrowed

+100% =
interest



100 measures debt

Contract

I owe 80
measures of
wheat

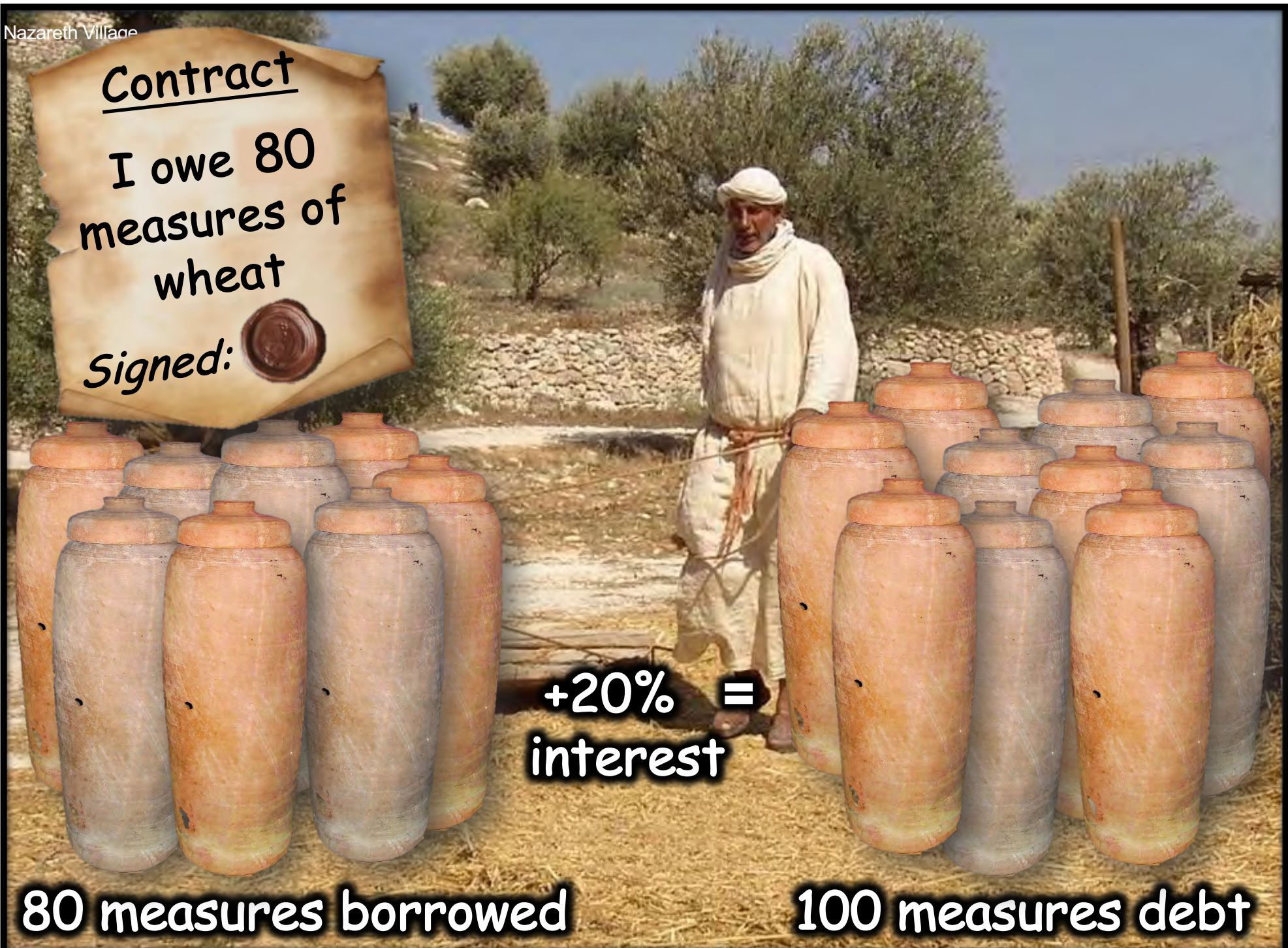
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+20% =
interest

80 measures borrowed

100 measures debt

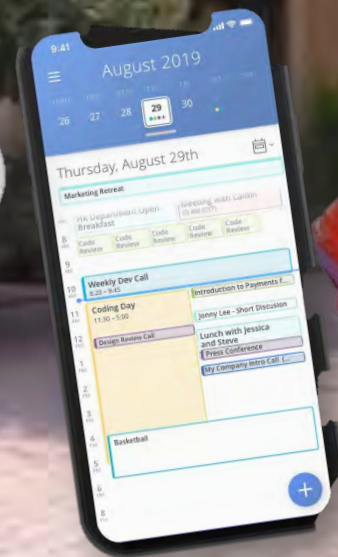


THE STEWARD CANCELLED THE INTEREST

He was
praised for
being
shrewd

- ✓ He had the authority
- ✓ It was completely legal
- ✓ He made **many** friends that day
- ✓ His future comfort was assured
- ✓ He also made the master look generous
- ✓ His quick planning/action changed his fate

Evaluate your stewardship while there is still time to make changes





2 Cor. 5:10



**You will leave this all behind!
(Ecclesiastes 5:15; 2:19)**

1. Recognize that you are only a "steward" and not the "owner" of all that God puts in your hands (1 Chron. 29:14).

WHAT DO WE
LEARN?



2. Invest your money, possessions, and time to enhance your welcome into heaven (Luke 16:9; Matt. 6:19-21)

Will anyone be in heaven because of you?

WHAT DO WE LEARN?



3. Faithfulness in stewardship begins now with little things (Luke 16:10; 1 Cor. 4:2).

Giving seldom increases proportionally with income



WHAT DO WE LEARN?



4. Wasting your money and opportunities limits how much God will use you now and reward you later (Luke 16:11; 19:17).

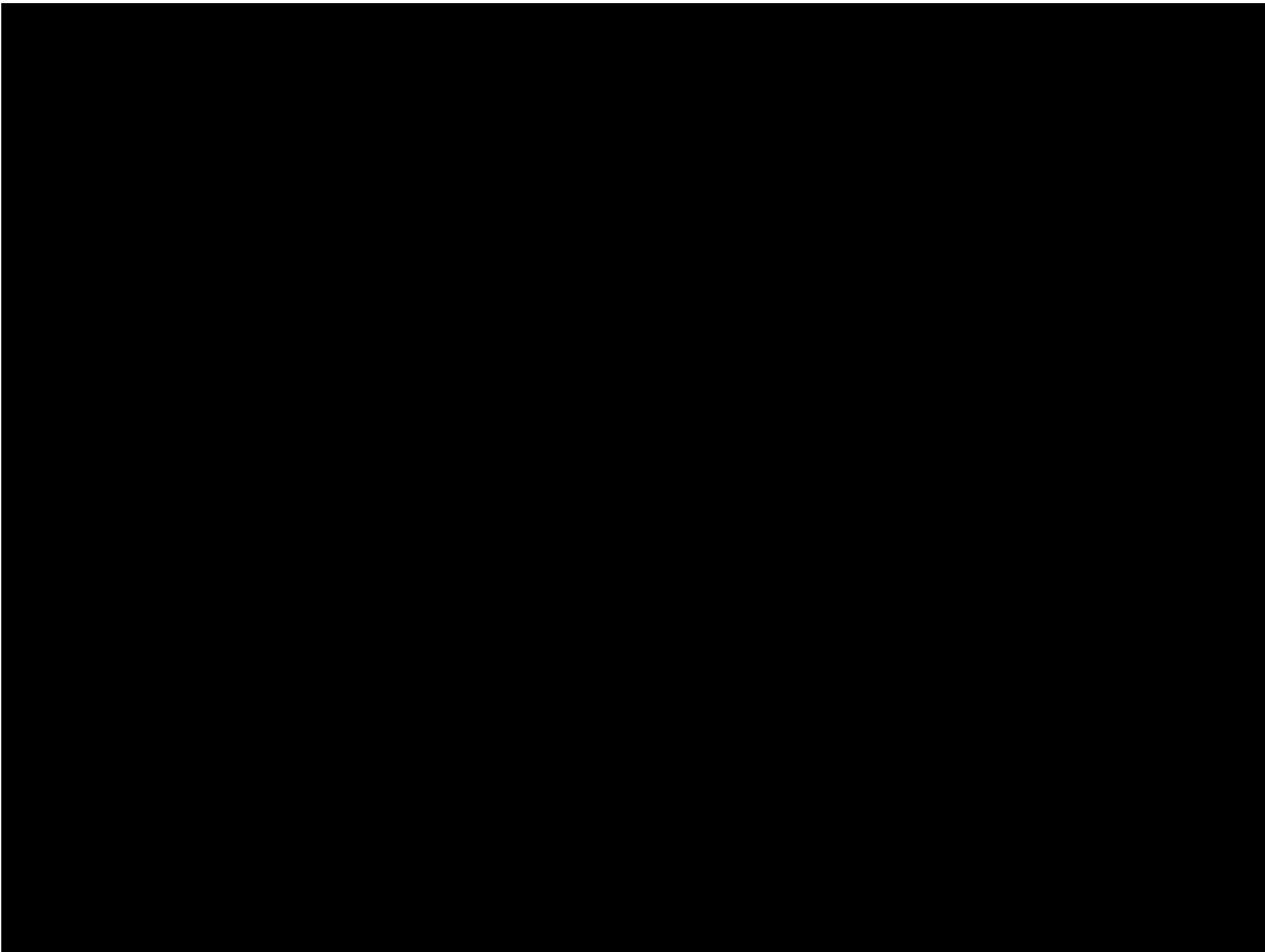
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5. Become "shrewd." Act quickly to maximize your treasures in heaven by the way you invest your resources in God's work on earth (Phil. 4:15-17).

**WHAT DO WE
LEARN?**





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