

“The Secrets of the Kingdom of God”: the Parables of Jesus in Luke
The Parable of the Dishonest Manager: Luke 16:1–13

Reformation Day

October 31, 1517: Martin Luther nailed his *95 Theses* on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

The Five *Solas* of the Protestant Reformation:

1. *Sola scriptura* (“by Scripture alone”)
2. *Sola fide* (“by faith alone”)
3. *Sola gratia* (“by grace alone”)
4. *Solus Christus* or *Solo Christo* (“Christ alone” or “through Christ alone”)
5. *Soli Deo gloria* (“glory to God alone”)

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

“If you will live like no one else, later you can live like no one else.” (Dave Ramsay)

Clever (Luke 16:8–9)

First Timothy 6:19 says, “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

1 John 2:17 says, “And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

C. T. Studd said, “Only one life ‘twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last.”

Faithful (Luke 16:10–12)

Matthew 6:19-21 says, “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.”

Devoted (Luke 16:13)

“And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’” (Matthew 22:37)

