



## 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time—21st September 2025

The parable of the unrighteous steward, which we hear this Sunday, is a parable that seems to contradict other lessons that Jesus had taught, and many people call it the most difficult parable in Luke's Gospel. Jesus is seemingly praising a scoundrel. However, a careful look reveals that Jesus is not praising the man's crookedness but rather his shrewdness in using a present opportunity to provide for his inevitable future needs. Jesus calls the man "unrighteous" (16:8), and so condemns his wrong ways but he is saying that we can learn a valuable lesson from him nevertheless. This is because he saw what was coming and he used what had been entrusted to him while he could, to prepare for the future. The lesson of the parable is that a faithful steward will use his Master's money shrewdly to provide true riches for eternity.

Jesus is telling all those who are listening that there is a way you can take it with you, namely, by wisely investing the resources that God has entrusted to you now, in things that matter for eternity. So we should remember that we are merely stewards for God's creation—it is our role to look after and develop what He has given us.

Almighty God,  
You are the author and sustainer of all human  
life;  
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,  
to whom you granted a long and happy reign as  
Monarch of these lands  
may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that  
eternal life  
promised to all those born again  
in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit  
God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

### A prayer for September:

God of seasons, as September unfolds, we thank you for the crisp air and changing colours that signal a new beginning. We ask for your guidance in this time of transition, helping us to embrace change with open hearts and minds. May we find beauty in the small moments and gratitude in the abundance around us. Amen.

### **In addition, this week let us pray for:**



- ◆ Everyone who has joined the Springhill community this month,. May God bless them every day of their journey with us;
- ◆ our leaders, that the Lord will illuminate them in the peace and wellbeing of the world;
- ◆ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning;
- ◆ All those who are in need of support and assistance.

**You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.**

**Luke 16**

