

# Welcome to



a community loving God and loving people.

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Luke 16:5-6 NIV

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“Here’s the lesson: use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.”  
Luke 16:9 NLT

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“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.”  
Luke 16:10a NIV

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“You cannot serve both God and money.”  
Luke 16:13b NLT

### We’re So Glad You’re Here!

We plan to celebrate Christ’s love for seventy-five minutes tonight and we hope you’ll sing, pray, laugh and learn along with us. Are you worried about the rules - when to stand, when to sit, what to say? Don’t be! We’ve worked hard to make our time together just like family. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You’re definitely among friends here at Church Requel.

### Tonight: The Shrewd Manager

We’ll watch an ironic comedy about a dishonest farm manager who is fired and so must think quickly to figure out a way into his next job. You’ll laugh and discover new truths at the same time. How can you be a S.H.R.E.W.D. Christ-follower?

### Next Week: Widow and Judge

We’ll continue the Modern Parable series with our study of Luke 18:2-5. We’ll watch a moving drama about a poor widow who struggles against a corrupt judge in her pursuit of justice. Pastor Mark will be back to teach. Don’t let Church Requel be our little secret. Invite a friend!

### Info Card

Would you do us the favor of filling out the green Info Card from top to bottom? We will keep you posted on what’s happening at Church Requel. Drop off your card in one of the offering baskets as you exit. Thanks!

### White Donation Envelope

We appreciate your worship by giving tithes and offerings to support the ministry of Church Requel. Use the white envelope in your program and drop in one of the offering baskets on your way out.

### Prayer Requests and Praises

Do you have something you’d like us to pray about? After our communion time, we’d be happy to pray for your need. Fill out the peach prayer request card and drop it on the communion table up front.

### Communion Tonight

Tonight we will celebrate communion together. We invite you to participate if you are a Christ-follower. You do not need to be a member of our church. Take the bread and cup back to your seat individually when you’re ready.

## Welcome Pastor Todd to Church Requel!

This Sunday Mary Kay and I are taking some much needed vacation time. However, you are in for a real treat this evening. My brother, Todd, will be sharing the message this evening. While I am two years older, Todd has been preaching and teaching 20 years longer than I have. He's a real pro! I have often said that he is MY favorite preacher.



One more thing about Todd's teaching tonight. He will be talking about a topic he knows much about. If I could name one attribute about my brother that comes to my mind first, it would be his shrewdness. From the writing of his sermons, to the style of how he goes biking and camping, to the way he plays board games - Todd is one shrewd fellow! You don't want to get into a game of monopoly with him - as I learned first hand at the age of 10.

Enjoy my brother tonight. I'll see you again next weekend. - Pastor Mark

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## Our Bible Reading for This Evening

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

<sup>3</sup> "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

<sup>5</sup> "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

<sup>6</sup> " 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.'

<sup>7</sup> "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

" 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

<sup>8</sup> "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly.

For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

<sup>13</sup> "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Luke 16:1-13 NIV



## Wise Up!

*"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."*

Matthew 10:16 NIV

*"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light."*

Luke 16:8 NIV

## How to Be a Shrewd Christ-Follower

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*"The manager thought to himself, "Now what? My boss has fired me. I don't have the strength to dig ditches, and I'm too proud to beg."*

Luke 16:3 NLT

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*"I know just the thing,' he said. 'And then I'll have plenty of friends to take care of me when I leave.' So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation." Luke 16:4-5a TLB*