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¹⁶⁻¹And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. ²And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. ³Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. 4I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. ⁵So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? ⁶And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. ⁷Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. 8And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. 9And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. ¹⁰He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? ¹²And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

- Read and re-read out loud and slowly the Gospel.
- Meditate on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.
- **Pray -** Thanksgiving Repentance Petition.
- > Action Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).

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In this week's gospel Jesus invites us to make definite choices about which master to follow in our lives. Each of us are stewards of the gifts God has given to us and he gently reminds us that we have a great responsibility to use these gifts wisely. Jesus also reminds us that God like the merciful master is generous and compassionate and he will set us free and give us the ability to value the support we get from others when living is hard.

What are the things we value most in life? Are power, popularity and influence important to us?

Prayer:

Lord thank you for the free spirited people you sent into our lives helping us to know that it is always people who must come first, not power and influence.

Forgive us Lord for the times when we allowed ourselves to let our lives be taken over by our valuables and possessions letting them be our main pre-occupation.

Help us Lord to be people of light helping those weighed down by life's burdens to know they have support if they trust in your care and compassion.