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- Luke 16:1-8



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Parallels with Parable of 2 Sons

1. Noble Master in each that shows incredible grace
 2. Corrupt son/manager in each that wastes Masters resources
 3. Wayward son/mgr. faces a moment of truth
 4. Wayward son/mgr. both throw themselves at mercy of Master
 5. Both deal with broken trust & its consequences
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Subject is God, hardness of heart, and grace – NOT MONEY

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Classic 7 stanza inverted poem

Vs. 1

Vs. 2

Vs. 3

Vs. 4

Vs. 5-6

Vs. 7

Vs. 8



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16:1 – Stanza 1 – Master/Steward

Assumptions:

1. Bad reports – coming from Master's friends
 2. Master is clearly respected in his community
 3. Language assumes a farming setting
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16:2 – Stanza 2 – Loses

From this point forward:

1. The Steward is an EX-Manager
 2. Who has the books still
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16:3 – Stanza 3 – Loses



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16:4 – Stanza 4 – Solution Identified

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16:5-7 – Stanzas 5-6 – Gains

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Crazy Master Theory
