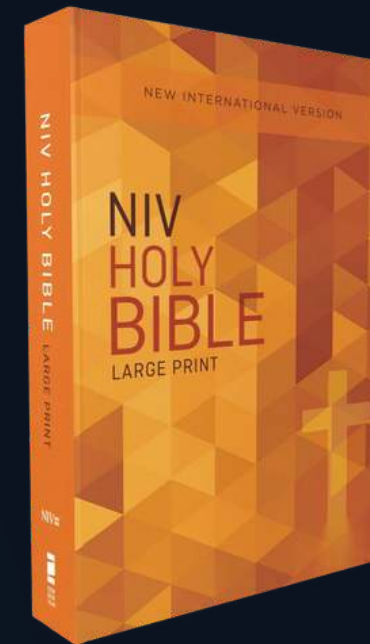


SHREWD FOR ETERNITY

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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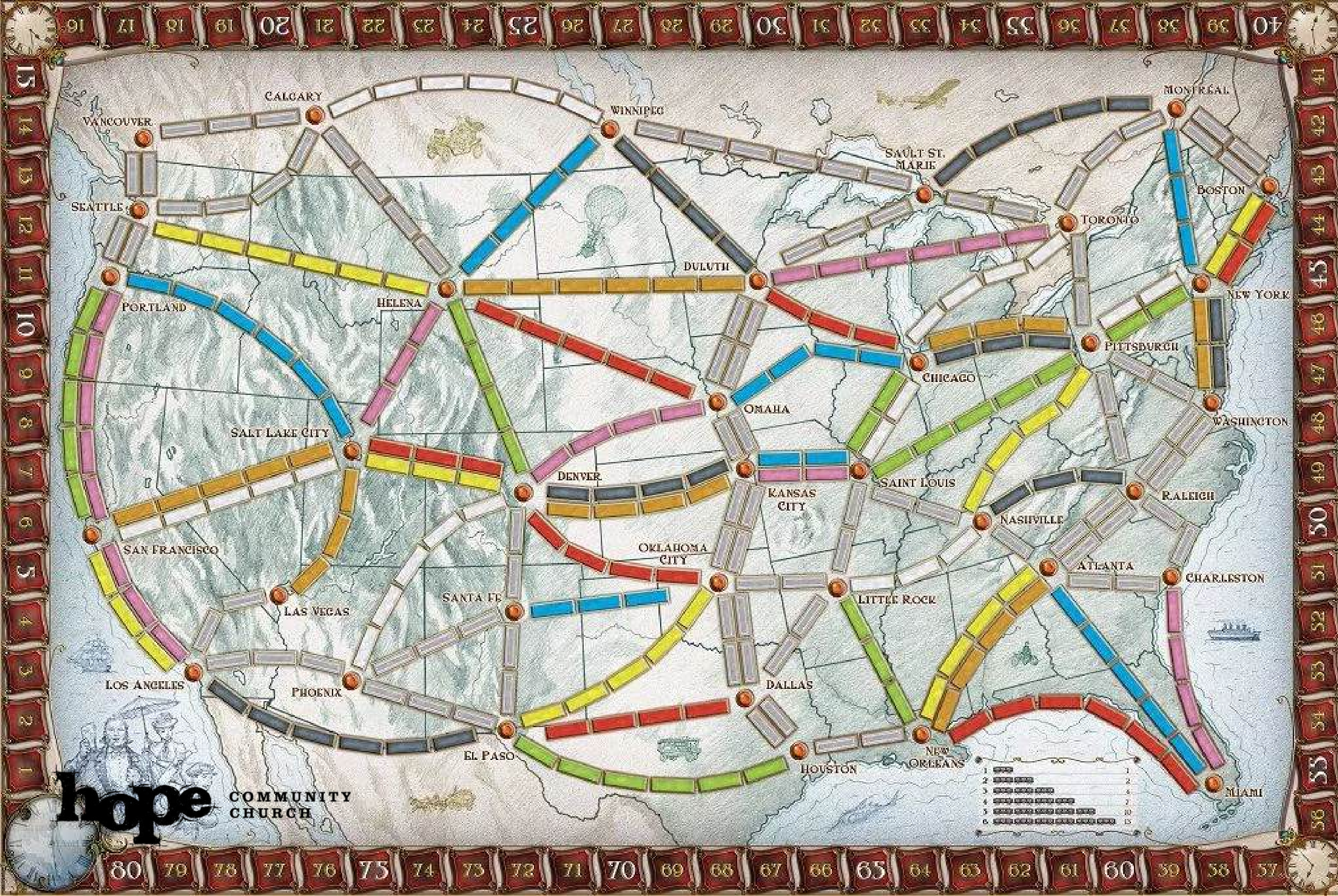
LUKE 16:1-18



**JESUS IS SAYING THAT
UNBELIEVERS ARE OFTEN MORE
SHREWD IN FIGURING OUT HOW
TO SECURE TEMPORAL WEALTH
THAN BELIEVERS ARE IN
FIGURING OUT HOW TO SECURE
ETERNAL RICHES.**

**STEVEN
COOLE**

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COOLE**



TICKET TO RIDE

hope COMMUNITY CHURCH

MACARTHUR



**BY REDUCING WHAT THEY WERE
OBLIGATED TO PAY HIS MASTER,
HE PUT THEM UNDER
OBLIGATION TO HIM.**

MACARTHUR



**MICHAEL
ANDRUS**

**"IT WAS A VERY CLEVER THING TO DO.
IT WAS THOROUGHLY DISHONEST, BUT
IT WAS ALSO UNQUESTIONABLY
SHREWD. THIS ROGUE OF A MANAGER
USES HIS HEAD TO MAKE A COUPLE OF
WARM FRIENDS, BEFORE HE HAS TO
WALK OUT INTO THE COLD, HARD
WORLD OF EMPLOYMENT."**

**MICHAEL
ANDRUS**



THE DISHONEST MANAGER HAD FACED REALITY. HE REFUSED TO LIVE WITH HIS HEAD IN THE SAND. IF HE DID NOT DO SOMETHING FAST, HE WOULD BE OUT ON THE STREET. HE USED ALL HIS INTELLIGENCE, WIT, AND ENERGY TO INSURE HIS EARTHLY COMFORT. IN CONTRAST, "THE SONS OF LIGHT" STAND ON THE EDGE OF ETERNITY BUT LACK THE VISION, FORESIGHT, AND STRENGTH OF WILL TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT—ESPECIALLY IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS. IF ONLY CHRISTIANS WOULD GIVE AS MUCH ATTENTION TO THE THINGS THAT CONCERN ETERNITY AS THEY DO TO THEIR WORLDLY BUSINESS.... IF ONLY WE WOULD BE AS SPIRITUALLY SHREWD AS THE CORRUPT MANAGER WAS IN TEMPORAL PURSUITS.

THE DISHONEST MANAGER

THE SONS OF LIGHT



**THE POSSESSION OF MONEY IN THIS
WORLD IS A TEST RUN FOR ETERNITY.**

**CAN YOU PASS THE TEST OF
FAITHFULNESS WITH YOUR MONEY? DO
YOU USE IT AS A MEANS OF PROVING THE
WORTH OF GOD AND THE JOY YOU HAVE
IN SUPPORTING HIS CAUSE? OR DOES THE
WAY YOU USE IT PROVE THAT WHAT YOU
REALLY ENJOY IS THINGS, NOT GOD?**

**NO
OTHER
WORTH**

**NO
OTHER
WORTH**

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"

LUKE 12:32-34









**YOU CAN LIVE FOR THIS
WORLD OR LIVE FOR THE NEXT;
BUT TO LIVE EQUALLY FOR
BOTH IS IMPOSSIBLE.**

SPURGEON

SPURGEON

Fear of man will prove
to be a snare, but
whoever trusts in the
Lord is kept safe.

PROVERBS 29:25





Whatever you do,
work at it with all your
heart, as working for
the Lord, not for
human masters.

COLOSSIANS 3:23

SHREWD FOR ETERNITY APPLICATION:

1) Always Keep Eternity in Mind



**THOMAS
ADAMS**

**TO PART WITH WHAT WE
CANNOT KEEP, THAT WE MAY
GET THAT WE CANNOT LOSE, IS
A GOOD BARGAIN. WEALTH
CAN DO US NO GOOD, UNLESS
IT HELPS US TOWARD HEAVEN**

**THOMAS
ADAMS**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-2



SHREWD FOR ETERNITY APPLICATION:

2) Be a Shrewd Steward



**THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO A STEWARD
WAS NEVER TO BE USED FOR HIS OR HER OWN
SELF-INTEREST. THE DELEGATED
RESPONSIBILITY WAS ALWAYS TO BE USED IN
THE INTEREST OF THE MASTER TO WHOM THE
STEWARD WOULD GIVE ACCOUNT. A STEWARD
WAS TO DISCOVER HIS MASTER'S DESIRES
AND MANAGE (BE SHREWD) HIS RESOURCES
TO ACCOMPLISH THE MASTER'S GOALS**

**BRUCE
MILLER**

**BRUCE
MILLER**



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:10

HOMEGROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. What stands out to you most about the parable of the dishonest manager in Luke 16:1–18?**
- 2. What does Jesus mean by “shrewd” in this passage? How is shrewdness different from dishonesty?**
- 3. Why do you think Jesus chose a dishonest manager as the example for His disciples?**
- 4. What does the manager understand about his future that motivates his actions**
- 5. What are some ways we can become so focused on temporary things that we lose sight of eternity?**
- 6. Jesus talks extensively about money and possessions in this passage. What does the way we use our money reveal about our priorities?**
- 7. What resources has God entrusted to you besides money? (time, abilities, relationships, opportunities, influence, etc.?)**
- 8. Are you currently using those resources primarily for temporary purposes, eternal purposes, or a mixture of both? What makes that difficult?**
- 9. What would it look like for you to be a “shrewd steward” this week**
- 10. How does Colossians 3:1–2 (“set your minds on things above”) help us live with eternity in mind?**
- 11. If someone looked at how you spend your time, money, and energy, what would they conclude you value most?**
- 12. What is one specific thing God has entrusted to you that you can use this week to serve Him or bless someone else?**