

The Parables of Luke 16

The material in this chapter centers around the theme of the proper use of possessions and wealth. The first parable, **the Parable of the Shrewd Manager (Hw)**, was spoken primarily to **Jesus' apostles**. It has two sets of sayings concerning money (**Luke 16:9, 11 and 13**) and the Pharisaic love of money (**Luke 16:14-15**) have been added. The second parable, **the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Hx)**, was addressed to **the Pharisees** because of their response to the first parable. In the middle of the chapter we find sayings concerning the Torah (**Luke 16:16-17**) and divorce (**Luke 16:18**), which appear to be unrelated to the main theme of the chapter.

The chapter can be divided into two parts according to the two audiences in the chapter (**Luke 16:1-13** is addressed to the apostles and **Luke 16:14-31** is addressed to the Pharisees) or into three parts (**Luke 16:1-8, 16:9-15, 16:16-31**) according to the form of the material in the chapter (parable, sayings, parable).¹¹²⁶