

A photograph of a stack of coins, including quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, resting on a dark, textured surface. The coins are scattered around the main stack.

# Is Money My Master?

Luke 16:9-15

Steve Johnson

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1. **Mercy** in Business (v1-9)
  2. **Faithfulness** in  
the Small Things (v10-12)
  3. **Loving** God, Hating Money  
(v13-15)

1 There was a rich man who had a manager,  
and charges were brought to him  
that this man was wasting his possessions.

2 And he called him and said to him,  
'What is this that I hear about you?  
Turn in the account of your management,  
for you can no longer be manager.'

Luke 16:1-8 (ESV) (p.1/5)

3 And the manager said to himself,  
‘What shall I do, since my master is  
taking the management away from me?’

I am not strong enough to dig,  
and I am ashamed to beg.

Luke 16:1-8 (ESV) (p.2/5)

4 I have decided what to do,  
so that when I am removed from management,  
people may receive me into their houses.'

5 So, summoning his master's debtors  
one by one, he said to the first,  
'How much do you owe my master?'

Luke 16:1-8 (ESV) (p.3/5)

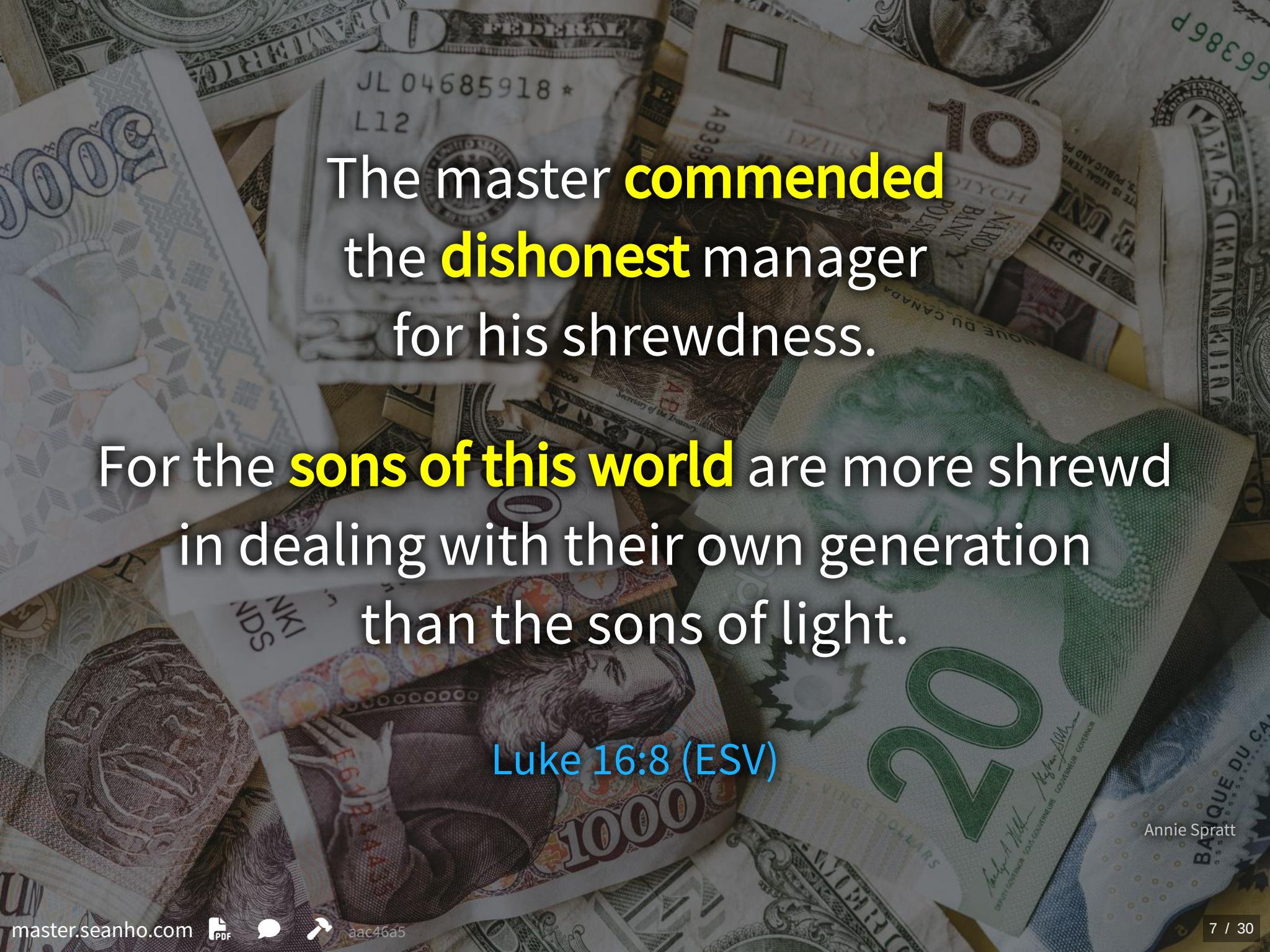
**6** He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’

He said to him, ‘Take your bill,  
and sit down quickly and write fifty.’

**7** Then he said to another,  
‘And how much do you owe?’

He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’  
He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

Luke 16:1-8 (ESV) (p.4/5)



The master **commended**  
the **dishonest** manager  
for his shrewdness.

For the **sons of this world** are more shrewd  
in dealing with their own generation  
than the sons of light.

Luke 16:8 (ESV)

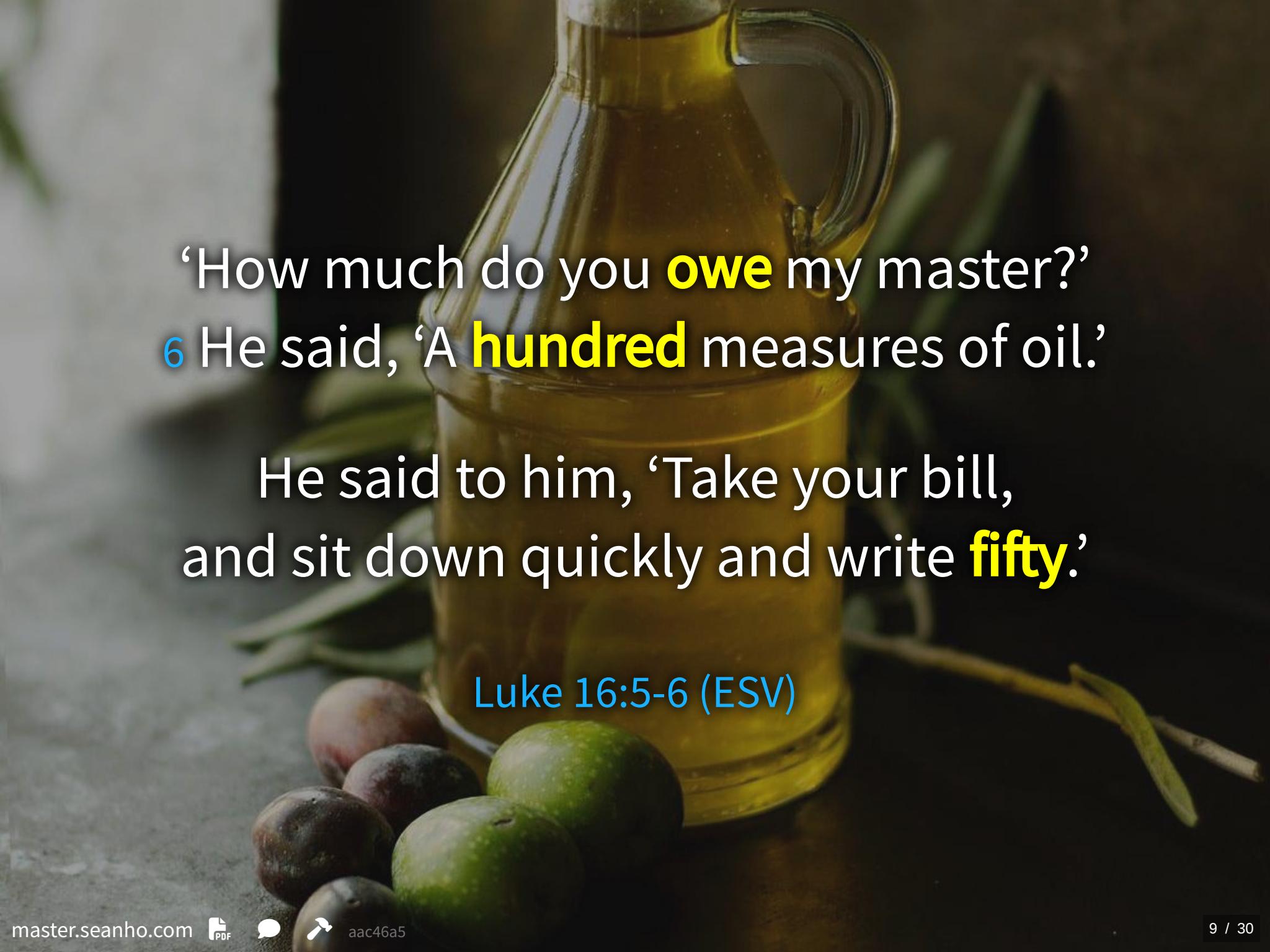
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Hear what the **unrighteous judge** says.

7 And will not **God** give justice to his **elect**,  
who **cry** to him day and night?

Luke 18:6-7 (ESV)

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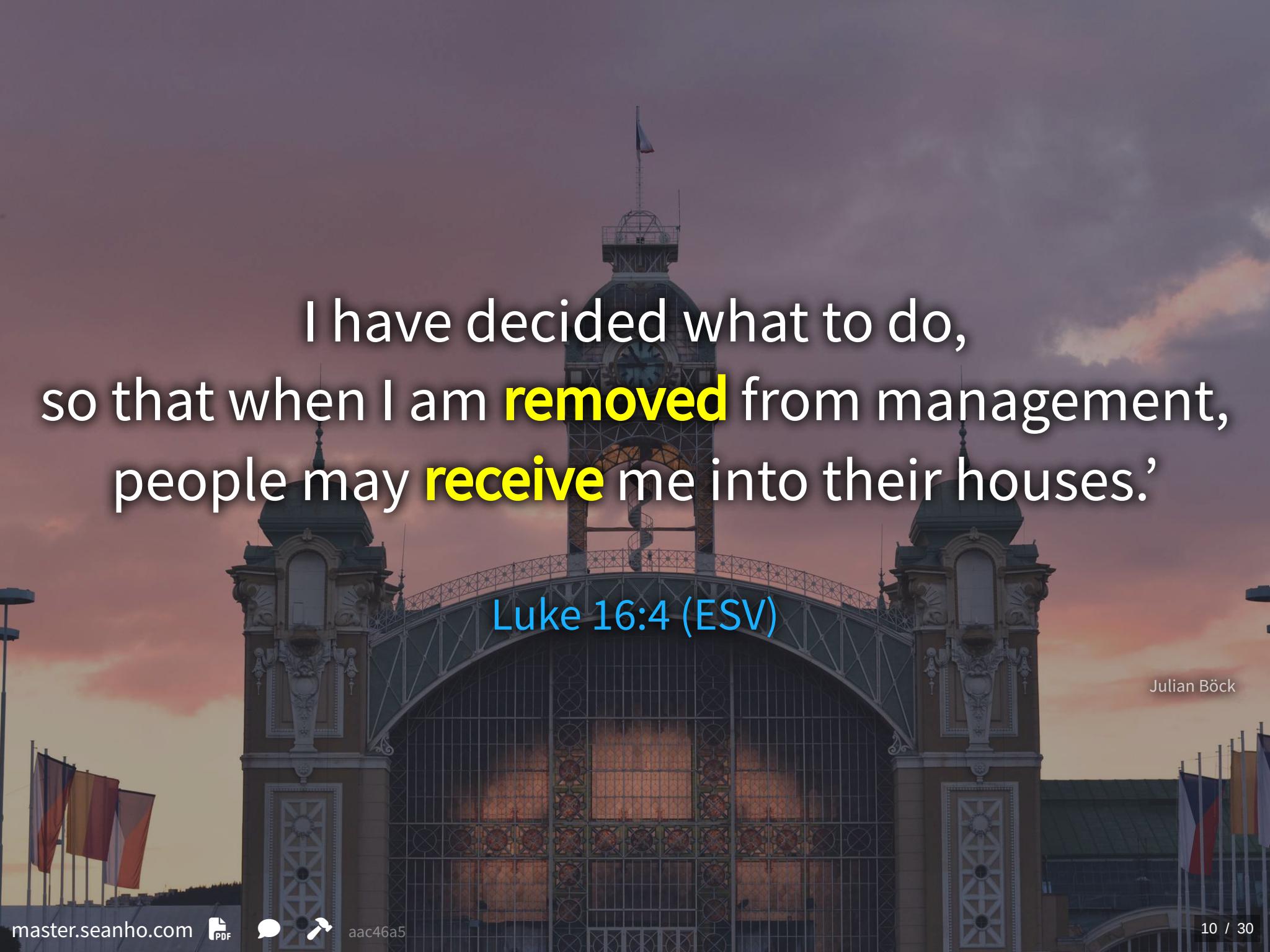
A close-up photograph of a glass jar filled with golden-yellow olive oil. Several green and brown olives are scattered on the surface in front of the jar. The background is dark and out of focus.

‘How much do you **owe** my master?’

<sup>6</sup> He said, ‘A **hundred** measures of oil.’

He said to him, ‘Take your bill,  
and sit down quickly and write **fifty**.’

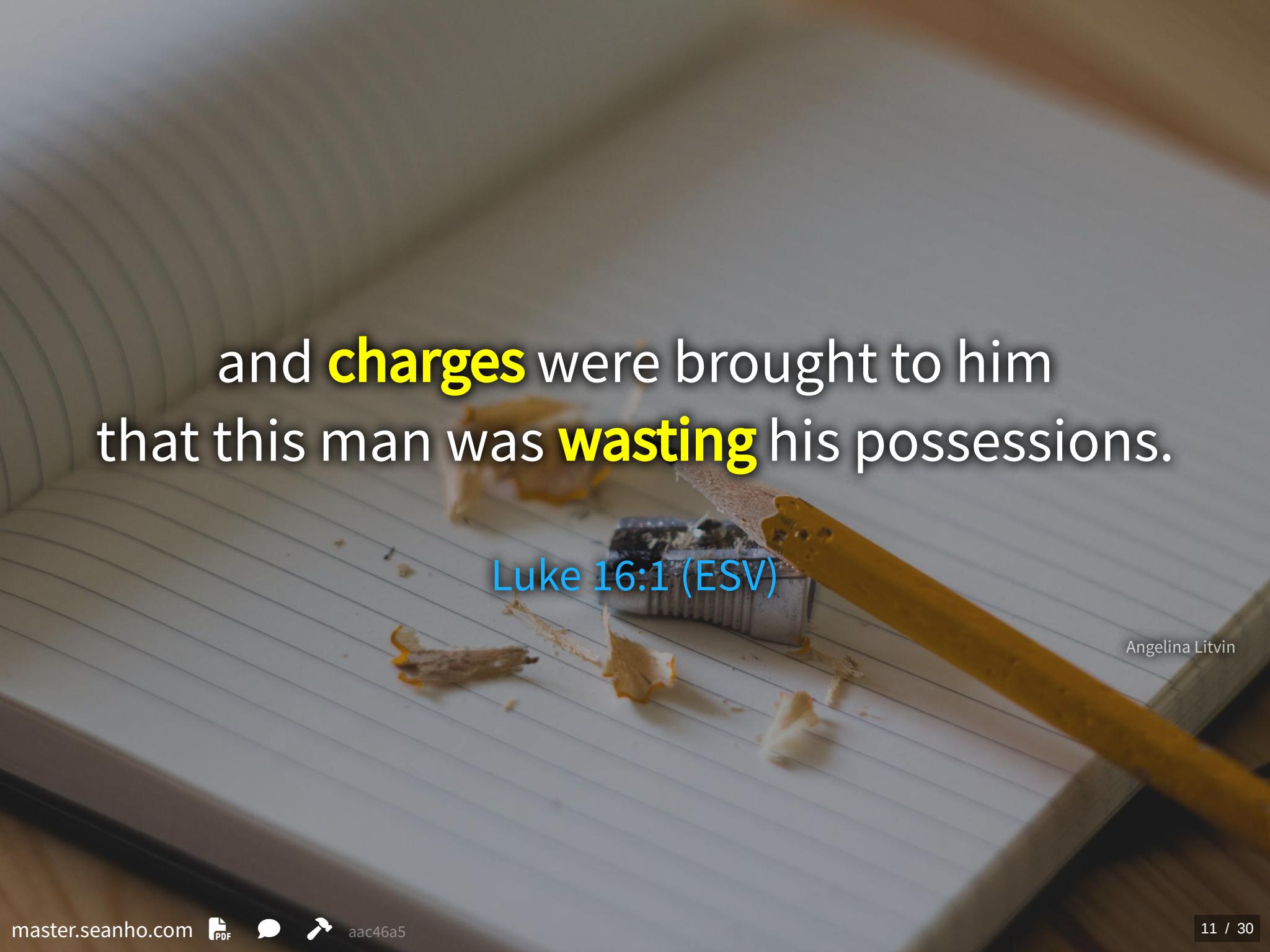
Luke 16:5-6 (ESV)

A photograph of a grand, ornate building, likely a train station or a large hall, featuring a prominent glass roof supported by a steel framework and two tall, decorative towers. The sky above is filled with warm, orange and yellow hues of a sunset. The building's facade is made of light-colored stone and features intricate architectural details.

I have decided what to do,  
so that when I am **removed** from management,  
people may **receive** me into their houses.'

Luke 16:4 (ESV)

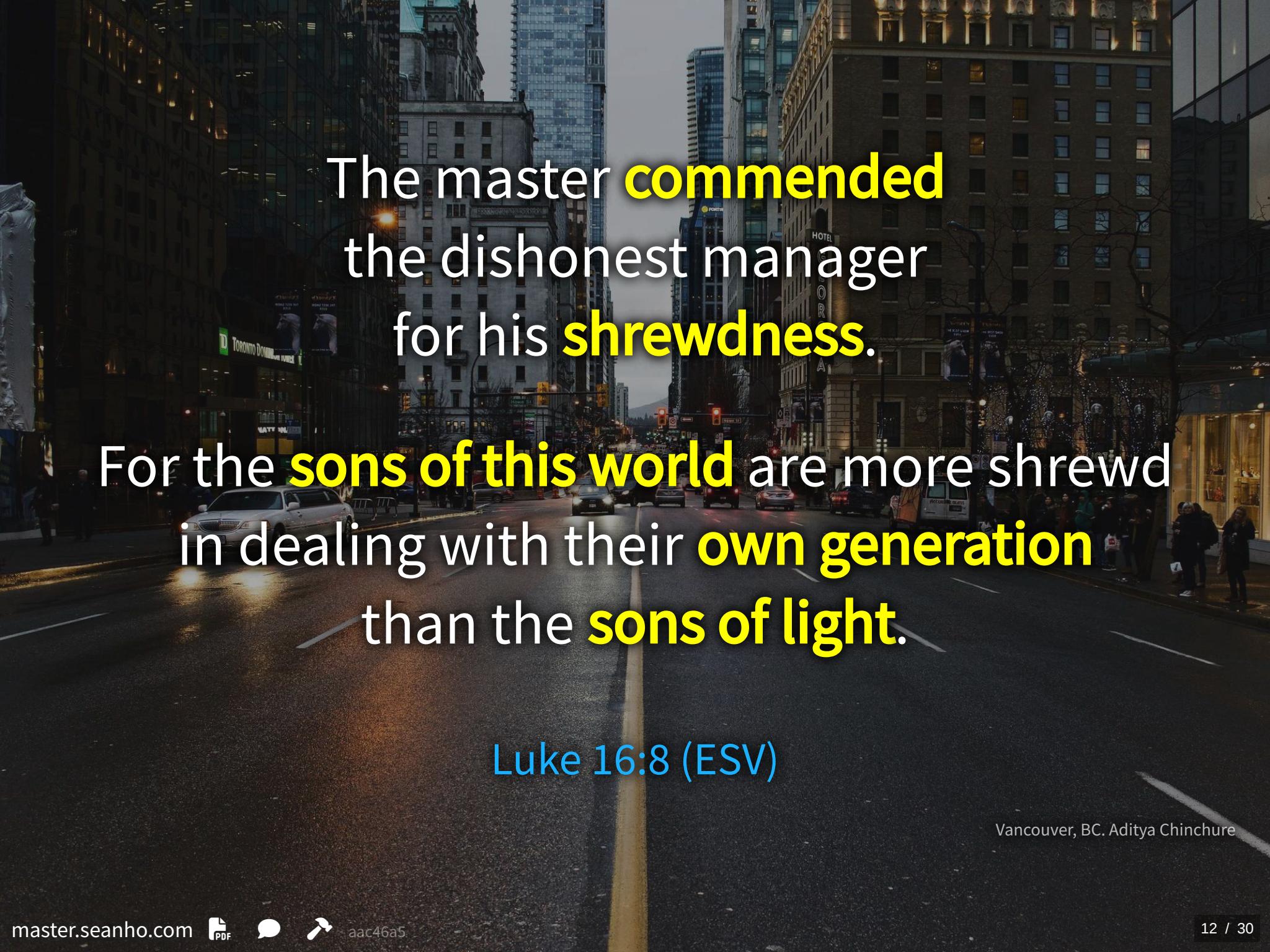
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and **charges** were brought to him  
that this man was **wasting** his possessions.

Luke 16:1 (ESV)

Angelina Litvin

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a city street at night. The scene is filled with the warm glow of streetlights and the headlights of cars. In the background, several tall buildings stand, their windows reflecting the light. A large digital billboard on the left side of the street displays an advertisement for "TORONTO DOMINION BANK".

The master **commended**  
the dishonest manager  
for his **shrewdness**.

For the **sons of this world** are more shrewd  
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Luke 16:8 (ESV)

Vancouver, BC. Aditya Chinchure

# Pitfalls in How Christians Treat Money

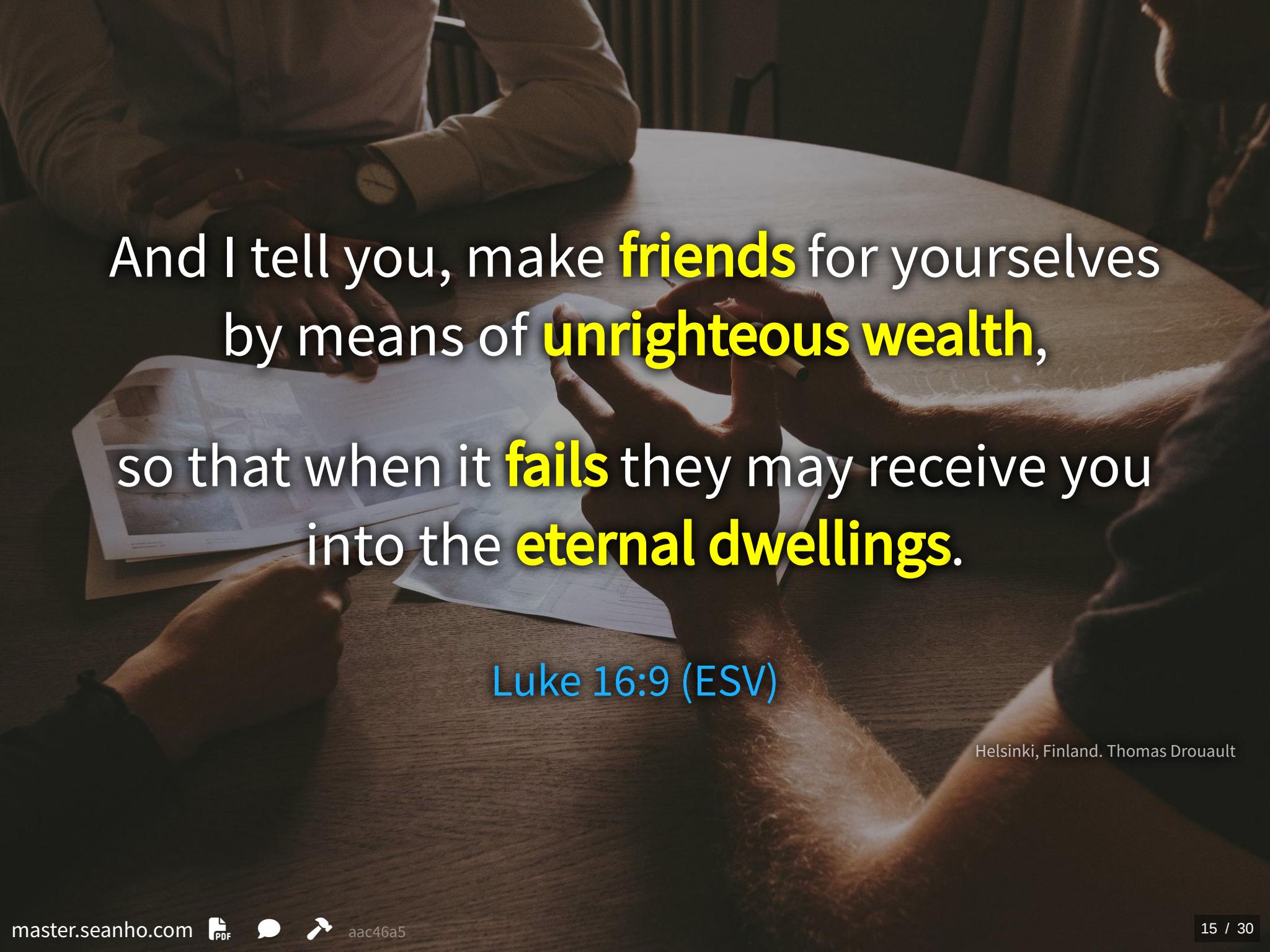
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1. **Compartmentalisation**
2. Negligence

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And I tell you, make **friends** for yourselves  
by means of **unrighteous wealth**,  
so that when it **fails** they may receive you  
into the **eternal dwellings**.

Luke 16:9 (ESV)

Helsinki, Finland. Thomas Drouault

# Making Friends Using Wealth

1. Make Peace with **God**
2. Support the **Saints** in Their Need
3. Show Mercy to **Business Partners**

A large conference room with many wooden chairs around a long table, viewed from the back of the room.

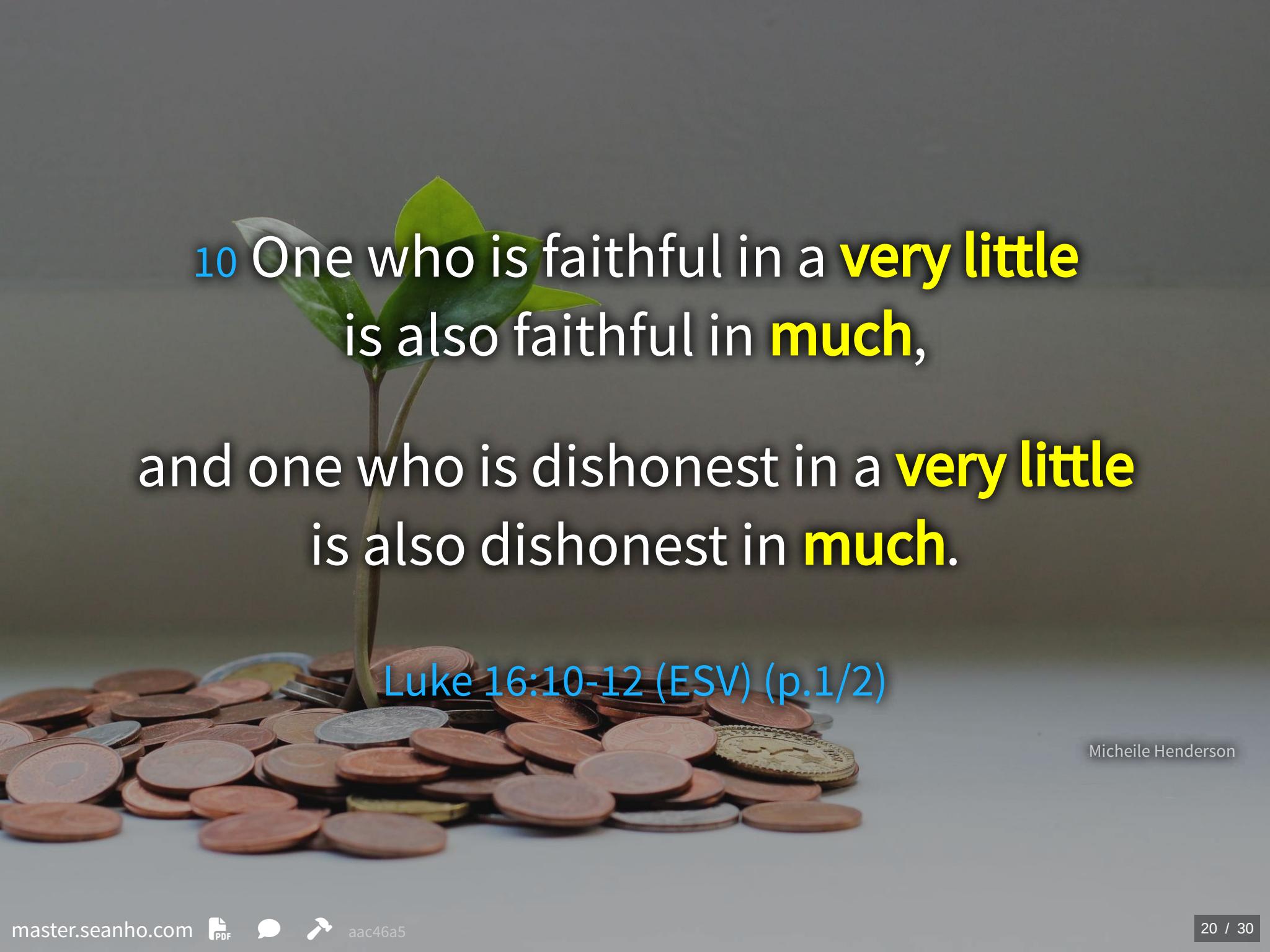
And I tell you, make **friends** for yourselves  
by means of **unrighteous wealth**

Luke 16:9a (ESV)

Benjamin Child

Do I seek to show  
**mercy** in business?

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- A photograph of several gold coins, including Canadian dollars and a British pound coin, scattered on a dark, textured surface. Some coins are stacked in the upper left corner, while others are scattered across the frame.
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A photograph of a small green plant with three leaves growing out of a pile of various coins, including pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, set against a dark background.

10 One who is faithful in a **very little**  
is also faithful in **much**,  
  
and one who is dishonest in a **very little**  
is also dishonest in **much**.

Luke 16:10-12 (ESV) (p.1/2)

Micheile Henderson

11 If then you have not been faithful  
in the **unrighteous wealth**,  
who will entrust to you the **true** riches?

12 And if you have not been faithful  
in that which is **another's**,  
who will give you that which is **your own**?

Luke 16:10-12 (ESV) (p.2/2)

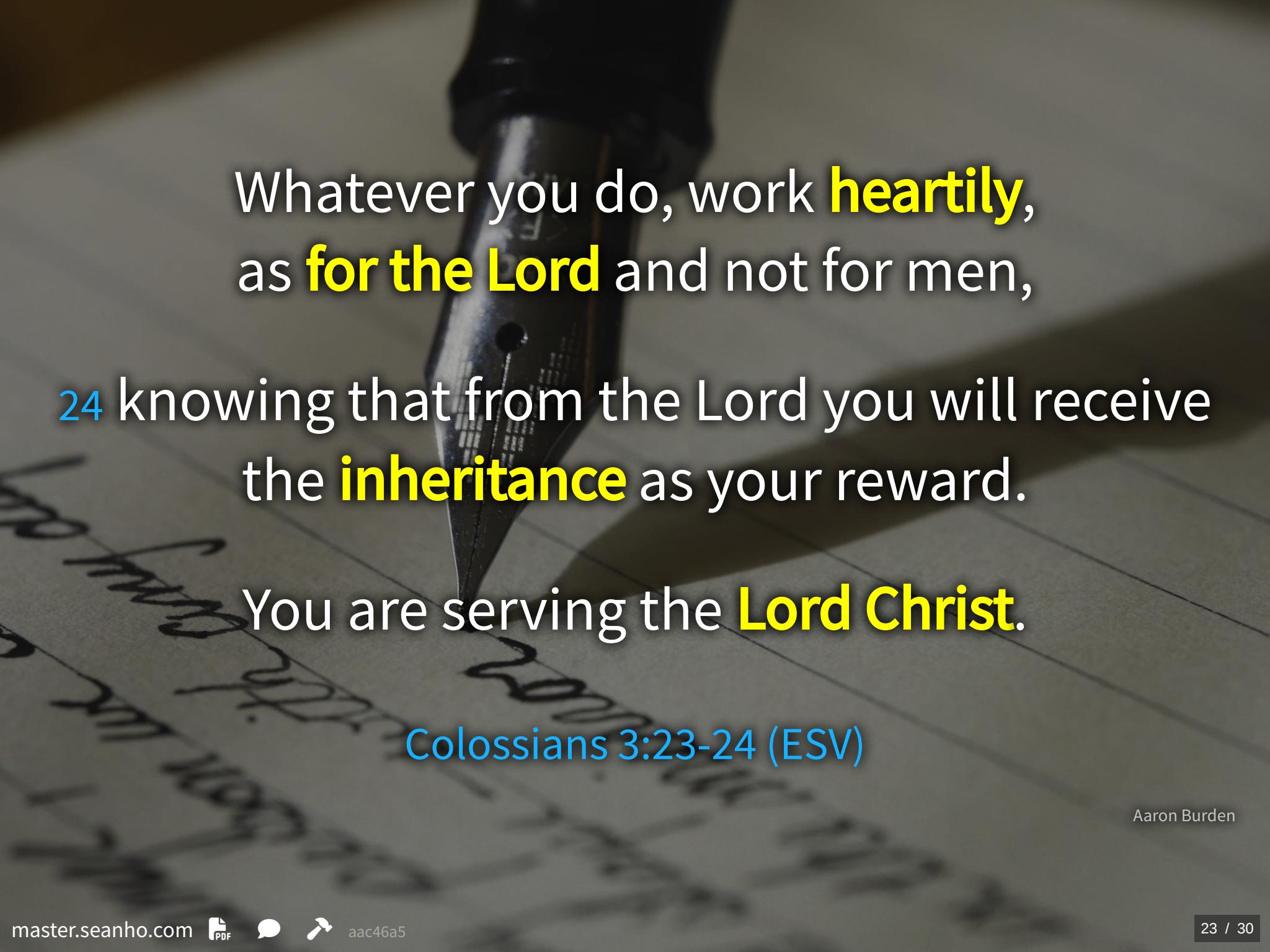
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Therefore I tell you,  
do not be **anxious** about your **life**,  
what you will **eat** or what you will drink,  
nor about your **body**, what you will **put on**.

Is not **life** more than food,  
and the **body** more than clothing?

Matthew 6:25 (ESV)

Pink dahlias. Irina Iriser

A dark, moody photograph of a pen writing on a lined notebook. The pen is angled downwards, and its tip is touching the paper. The notebook has horizontal ruling lines. In the background, there are some faint, handwritten words that are partially visible.

Whatever you do, work **heartily**,  
as **for the Lord** and not for men,

**24** knowing that from the Lord you will receive  
the **inheritance** as your reward.

You are serving the **Lord Christ**.

Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

Aaron Burden

In what  
“unimportant” area  
have I been  
not so faithful?

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No servant can serve **two masters**,

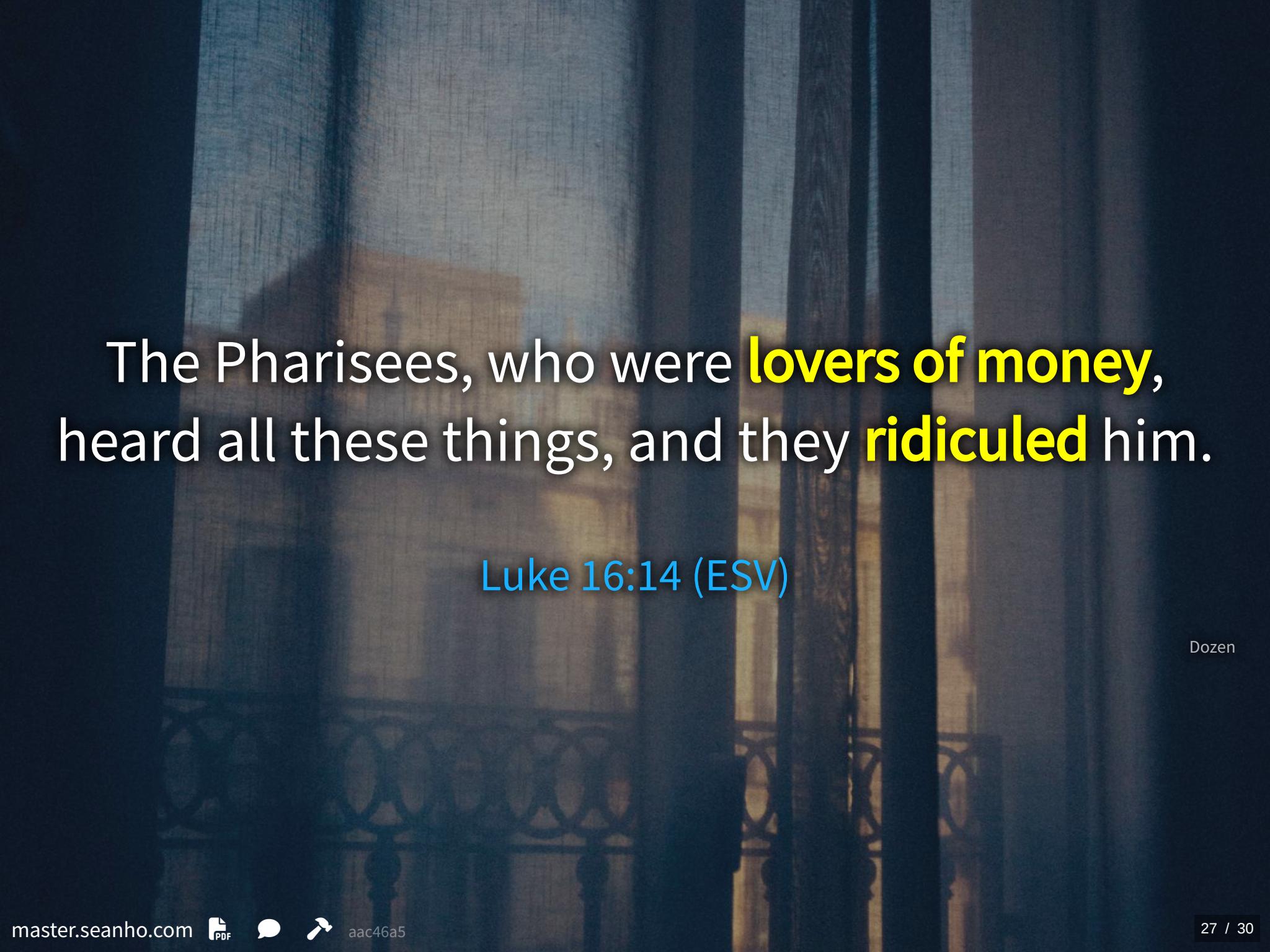
for either he will **hate** the one  
and **love** the other,

or he will be **devoted** to the one  
and **despise** the other.

You cannot serve **God and money**.

Luke 16:13 (ESV)

Savoie, France. Thomas Tixtaaz



The Pharisees, who were **lovers of money**, heard all these things, and they **ridiculed** him.

Luke 16:14 (ESV)

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And he said to them,  
“You are those who **justify yourselves**  
before men, but God knows your **hearts**.

For what is **exalted** among men  
is an **abomination** in the sight of God.

Luke 16:15 (ESV)

Carolyn Christine

Am I trying  
to **love** both God  
and money?

