



Is Money My Master?

Luke 16:9-15

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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)

8 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.

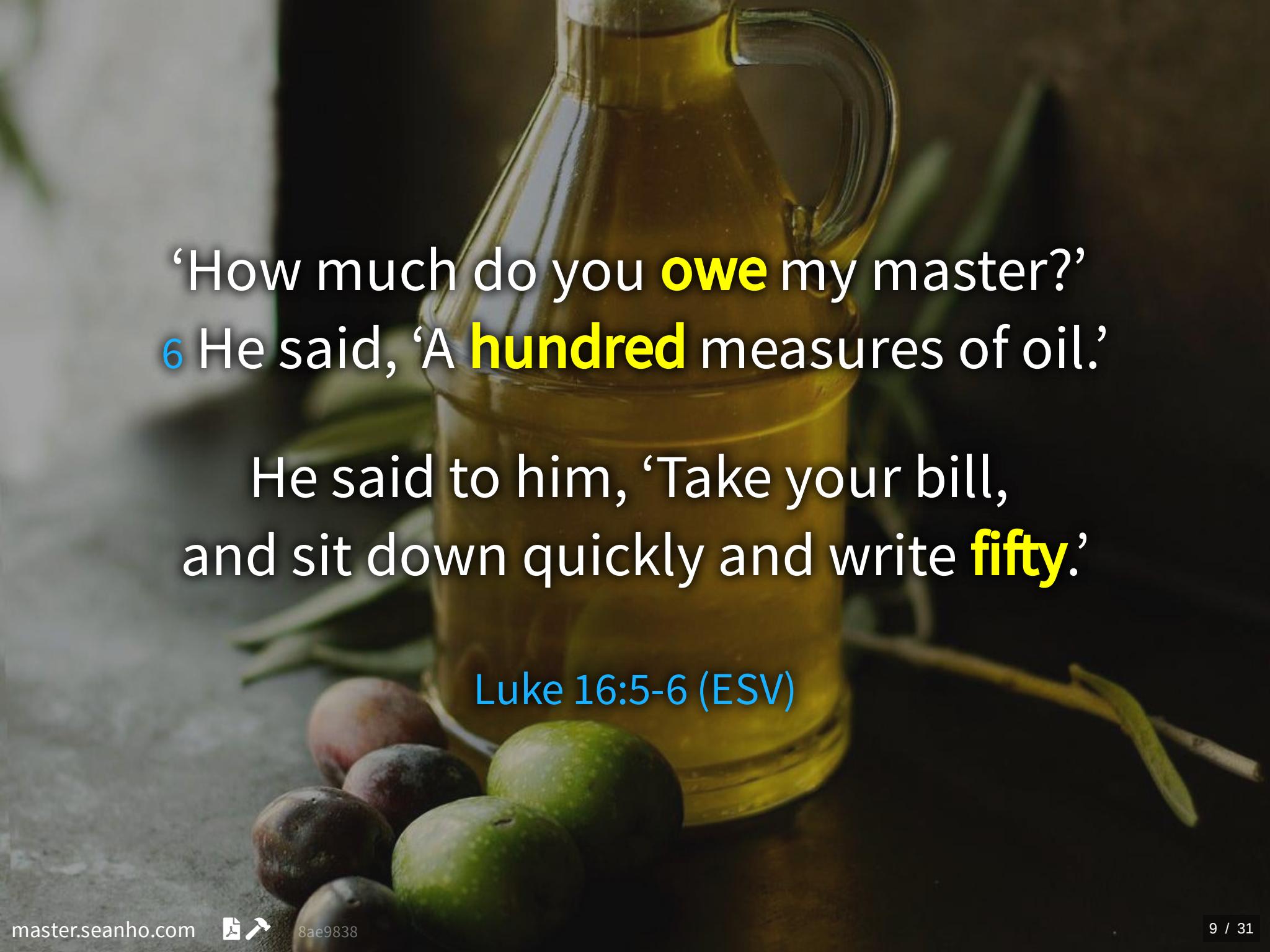
Luke 16:1-8 (ESV) (p.5/5)

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)

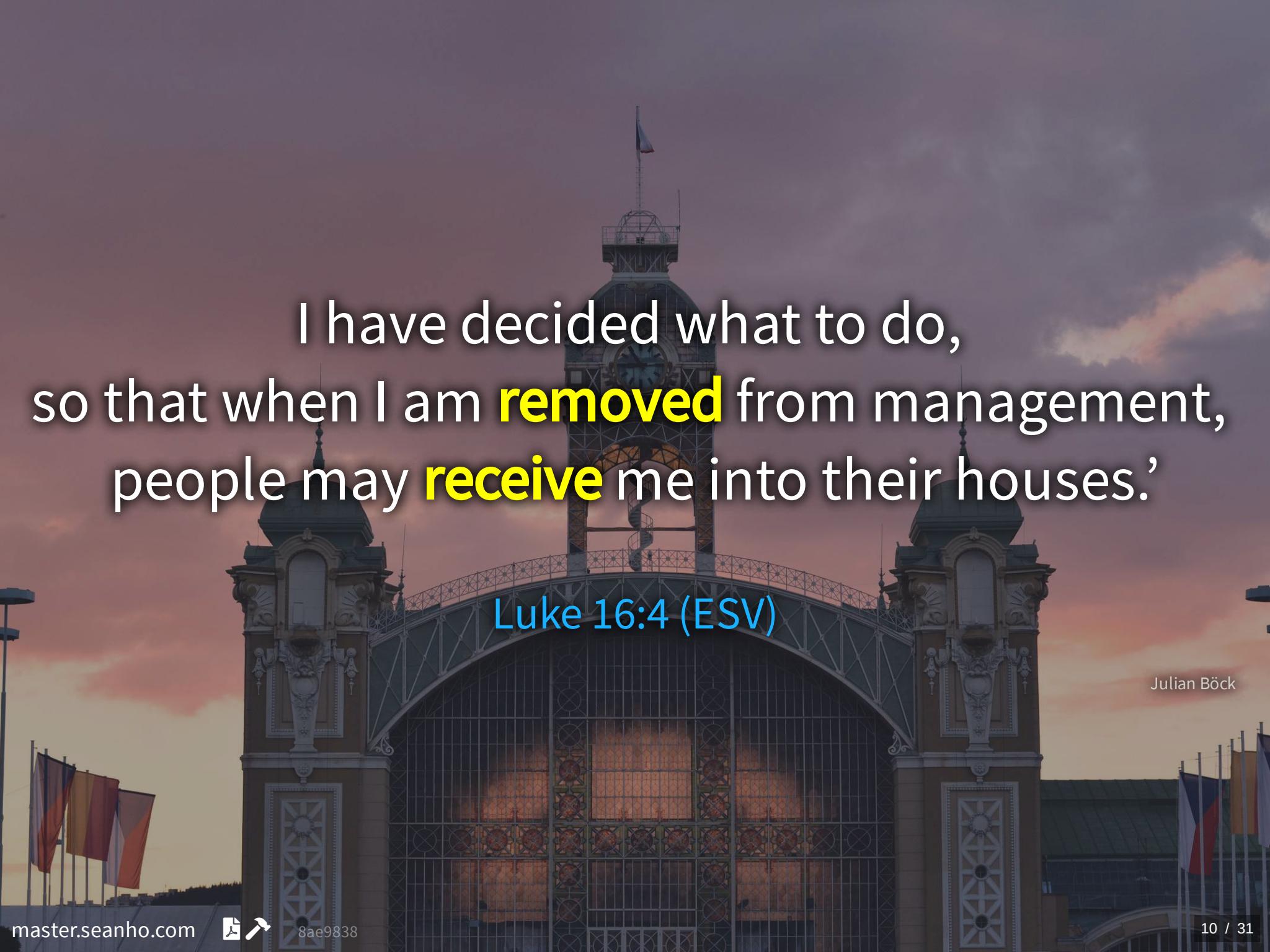
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A close-up photograph of a glass bottle filled with golden-yellow olive oil. In the foreground, several green and brown olives are scattered on a dark surface. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the olives and the clarity of the oil.

‘How much do you **owe** my master?’
6 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)



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)

Julian Böck

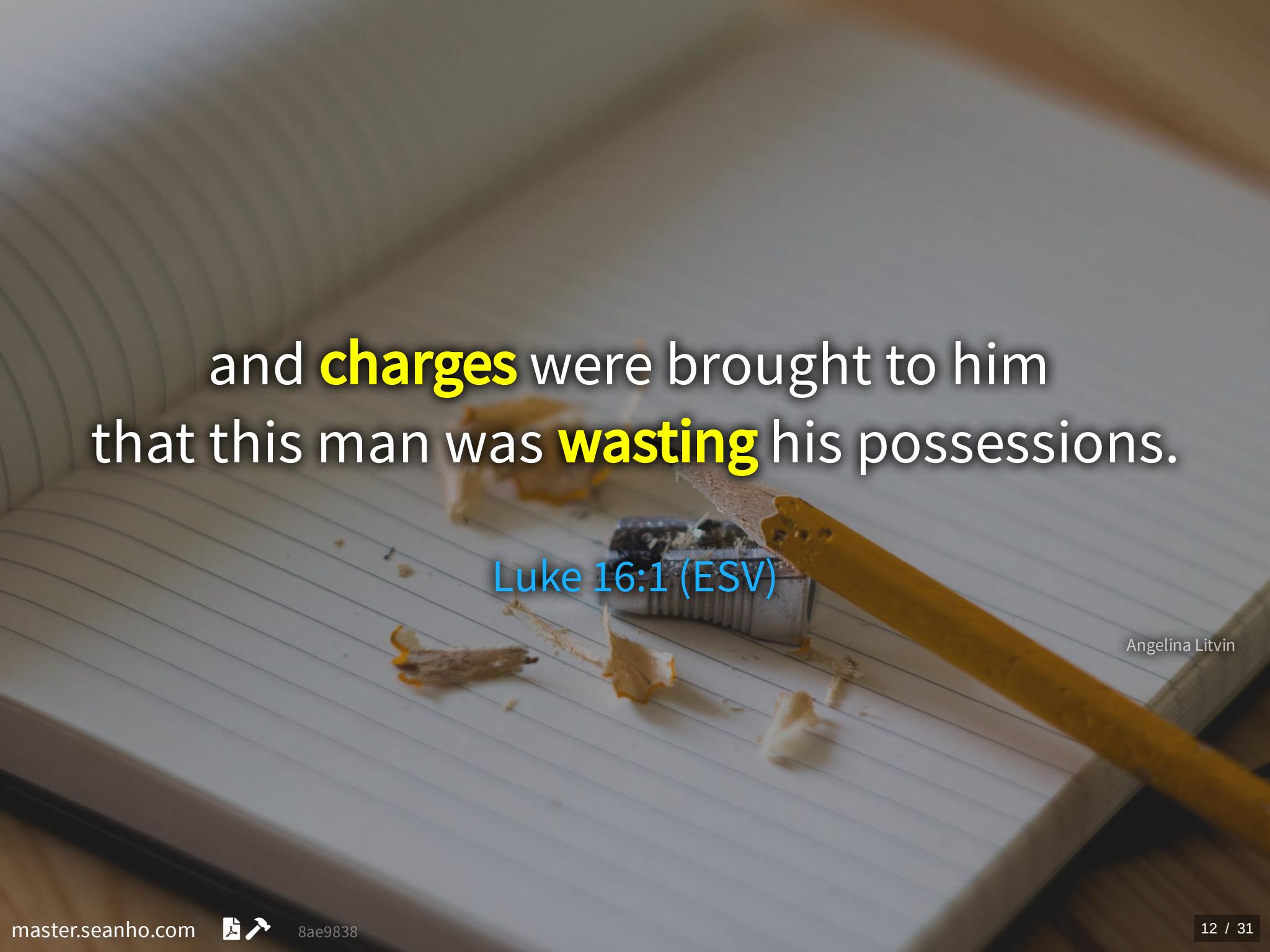
A dark, atmospheric photograph of a city street at night. The scene is filled with the warm glow of streetlights and the illuminated windows of tall buildings. A few cars are visible on the wet asphalt road, their headlights reflecting off the surface. In the foreground, a large white arrow points towards the center of the image, partially obscuring the view of the street.

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the dishonest manager
for his **shrewdness**.

For the **sons of this world** are more shrewd
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than the **sons of light**.

Luke 16:8 (ESV)

Vancouver, BC. Aditya Chinchure



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

Luke 16:1 (ESV)

Angelina Litvin

Pitfalls in How Christians Treat Money

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A photograph showing a close-up of a person's hands resting on a light-colored wooden table. One hand holds a pen over an open document, while the other hand rests nearby. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands and the paper.

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

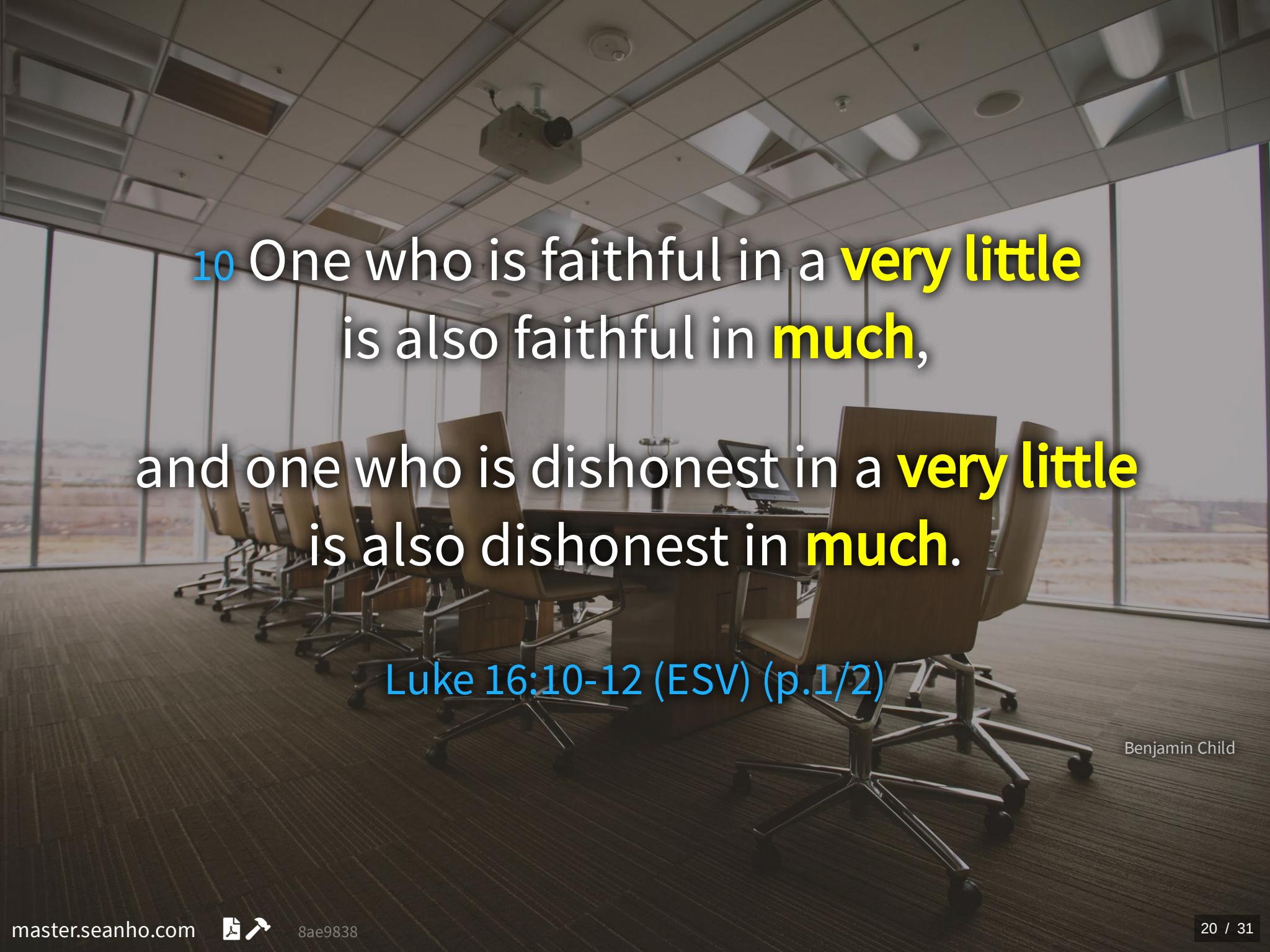
Making Friends Using Wealth

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

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Do I seek to show
mercy in business?

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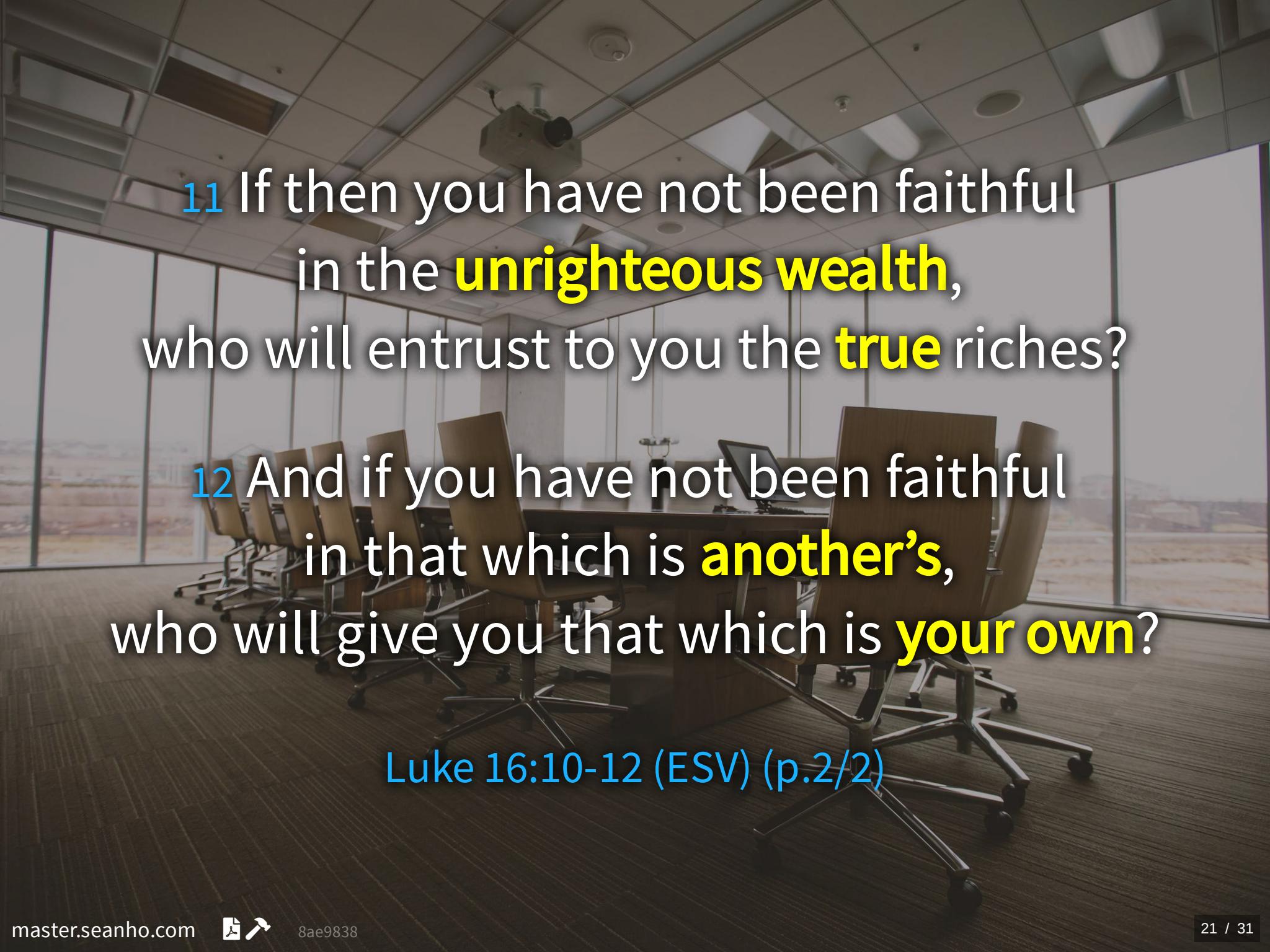


10 One who is faithful in a **very little**
is also faithful in **much**,

and one who is dishonest in a **very little**
is also dishonest in **much**.

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

Benjamin Child



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)

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

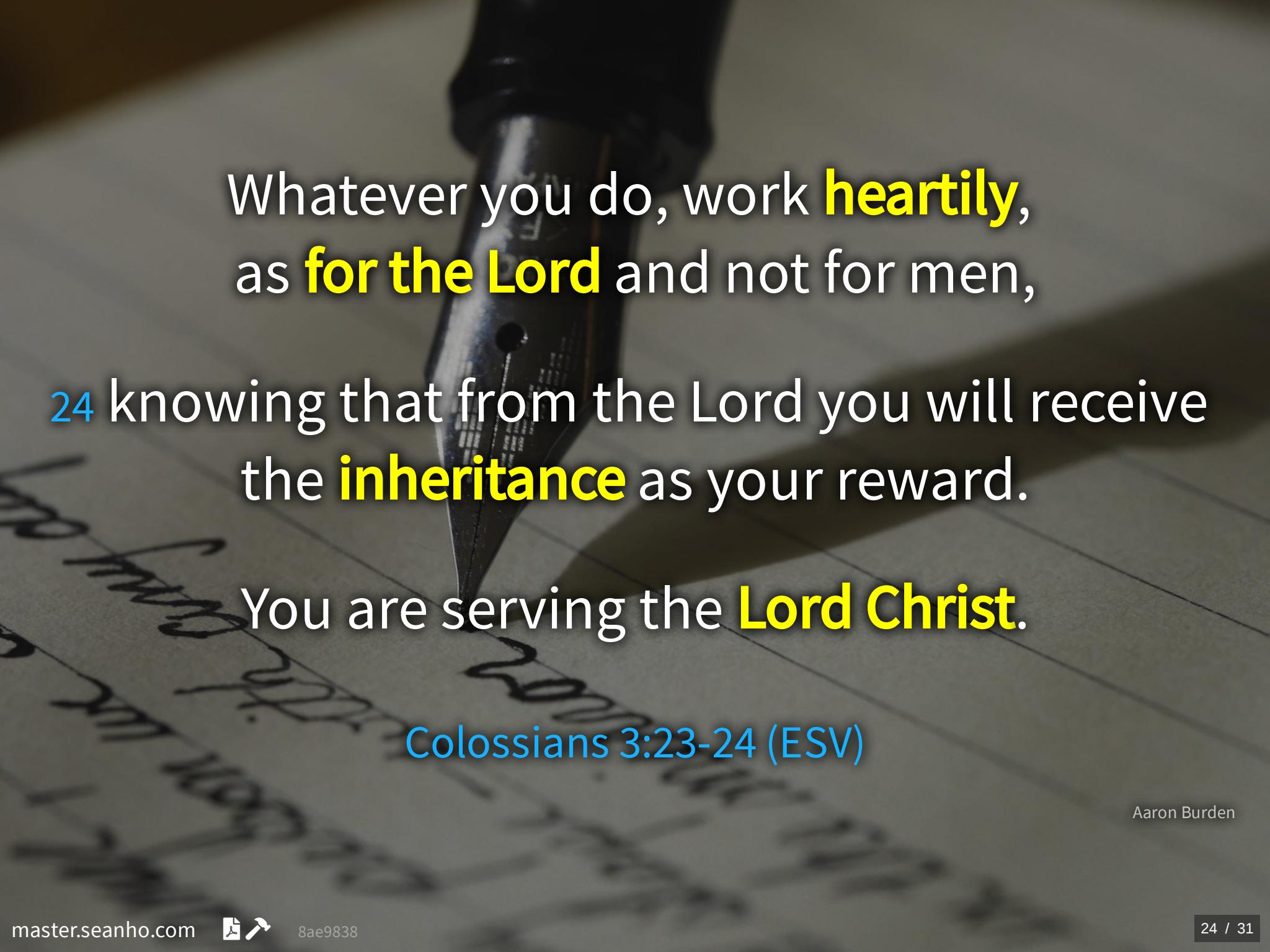
Do not lay up for yourselves **treasures on earth**,
where **moth** and rust destroy
and where **thieves** break in and steal,

20 but lay up for yourselves
treasures in **heaven**, [...]

21 For where your **treasure** is,
there your **heart** will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)

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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” or
“non-spiritual” 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.

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

Luke 16:14 (ESV)

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

Luke 16:14 (ESV)

Carolyn Christine



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

