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*We have heard an interesting parable in last Sunday's Gospel of Luke. You may question why Jesus praises the dishonesty of the steward. Actually, He is not doing that. We have to realize that justice is not the main theme of this parable. This parable points to the prudence of the steward. The steward realized that his future was in serious danger and that is why he prudently calls in the debtors and decreases their debts. In this same way, Jesus calls us to be prudent in our spiritual life. We all know that we will not live forever in this world. Therefore, Jesus asks us to be prudent and serious about the question of spiritual life. He wants us all to be saved, but as "Children of this world", we must be prudent and take our future seriously.*

*There is one other important lesson to learn from this parable, the steward was not only prudent, he also put all his trust in the mercy of his Master and this is what we have to do as well. God's mercy, which endures forever, forgives us our sins no matter how big or small, as long as we show repentance for those sins. Using the example of the prudent servant, we have to put our complete trust in God's mercy. During this year of mercy, God is the merciful father who calls us back into his loving, fatherly arms. Will we answer this call from God our Father by making prudent changes in our behavior and life?*

