

In the Barn!

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Christian Wisdom

The master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted astutely. For the sons of this age act more astutely than the sons of light in dealing with their own people. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of the unrighteous money so that when it fails, they may welcome you into eternal dwellings.'

Carefully reading these sentences reveals Jesus main point. Jesus does not commend the dishonest behaviour of the manager, instead he shows that people of this age know how to live in this age. In this case the master has decided to fire his corrupt manager. The manager seeing the writing on the wall, takes action. Jesus commends his willingness to act in light of the future he sees coming and not his dishonest behaviour. He then contrasts the manager's willingness to act in light of a known future with his people's unwillingness to act in light of the future revealed to them in Christ.

The parable of the shrewd manager in Luke's gospel often confuses Christians (Luke 16:1-13). The confusion arises because Jesus appears to commend dishonest behaviour. Though Jesus does not approve dishonest behaviour within the passage, he doesn't explicitly disapprove of it either. Jesus words in verse 8 demonstrate the confusion:

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8, 9:30, 11am

Every Sunday

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Willful blindness

by Adam Richards

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

(Luke 12:1-3)

Many atheists champion identity politics, yet won't allow Christians to self identify. Consider this tweet from Hillary Clinton after the NZ shootings: 'My Heart breaks for New Zealand & the global Muslim community. We must continue to fight the normalisation of Islamophobia and racism in all it forms. White supremacist terrorists must be condemned everywhere. Their murderous hatred must be stopped.' Yet she showed her hypocrisy a few weeks later when she posted about Muslims bombing Christian churches in Sri Lanka: 'On this Holy weekend for many faiths, we must stand united

against hatred and violence. I'm praying for everyone affected by today's horrific attacks on Easter worshippers and travellers in Sri Lanka.'

I agree with her first post. But given that, her second post is bald faced hypocrisy. Where is her sympathy for the Catholic community, or for the global Christian community? Why are Christians called 'Easter Worshippers'? Oh that's right, her supporters hate biblical Christianity. Can't have solidarity with Christians because many of her supporters are bigoted against Christians. Better to expand the tweet to include all faiths and cover over the truth.

Clinton's ridiculous tweets about 'Easter worshippers' highlights the hypocritical nature of many who control the flow of information in our society. Clinton, represents many in the political class who though preaching tolerance, are often very intolerant of world-views that disagree with them. Hatred not of Christians, but of God blinds them to the point that they can't even name Christians when they are killed by Muslims.

If Christians killed Muslims, it would be splashed all over the mainstream media. Do not believe this? How often do you hear about the Crusades and the perpetual litany of lies paraded by the atheists to sell their anti-Christian, anti-Western narrative? (see the book

'Jihad in the West' on Amazon) The most persecuted religious group on the planet are Christians, but you won't hear this from much of the media, as it does not support its narrative (<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/persecution-of-christians-has-risen-for-the-fourth-straight-year-96153>). Our media continually spews forth words defending every single group's right to define themselves, but hypocritically won't allow Christians to self-identify. Instead we get this hypocritical re-branding of Christians as 'Easter worshippers'.

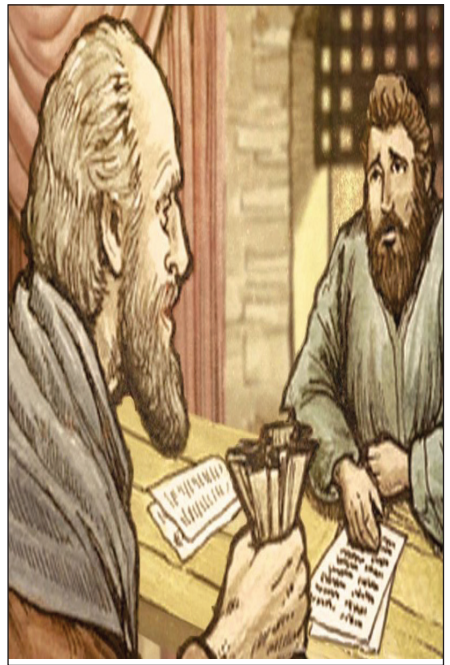
The bombings in Sri Lanka were a terrible tragedy. They were evil, done by evil people. Evil attacks like these will continue as long as the run interference for Muslims who kill many people in the name of Islam. Christians must realise that we will never get a fair hearing in our society, because our society has chosen rebellion against God. Our whole system breeds lying, hypocritical politicians because that is what our culture has shown to do to God.

The Christian should respond as always; to love the truth, preach the truth, and know that God's truth will prevail in the end. Hypocrisy has been rife amongst political leaders from the time of Christ. It will continue till his return. Yet God's faithfulness will prevail over all.

God renews Christians for the age to come. Though living in the world, Christians do not live for the world because we know it is coming to an end (Rev. 21:3-4). Wisdom within the context of the passage is Christians living in light of the knowledge that the world is coming to an end. Our world lives believing that this world will continue as it has from its creation. But God makes clear that this world will come to an end with the return of Jesus. This brings to light Jesus' point of the parable, the wise live in the light of the future God has created in Christ. Wise Christians heed

Jesus' words about the future and create a true nest egg for that future instead of the short period of retirement we might get in this life. Which raises the choice every Christian must make each day; are we living for this world or the world to come?

Whoever wants to be my disciple, he must deny himself take up his cross and follow me!
 Mark 8:34
 In Christ, Adam.



Find-A-Word

Christian	Future	Love	Solidarity
Creation	Hypocrites	Paraded	Terrible
Defending	Information	Represent	Tragedy
Faithfulness	Interference	Retirement	World
Follow	Knowledge	Shootings	

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PRAYER POINTS



- Give thanks for the return of Church meeting together. Pray that as we begin the process of three services meeting together and thinking through the logistics, that God will raise up the people to serve the church for His glory.
- Pray for the series in 2 Corinthians as it continues. Ask for God to shape His people in His character.