

Luke 16 The Dishonest BUT Astute Manager (Part 1 of 3)

The Importance of Natural Intelligence

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Artificial Intelligence

Figures of Speech Used in The Bible-EW Bullinger:

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*Quote by Aristotle: "The purpose of knowledge **is ACTION**".*

EW Bullinger:

- *The Greek word parabolē means "something cast beside"—a parallel.*
- *A parable involves one set of circumstances in the physical realm being **likened** to a spiritual counterpart.*
- *The resemblance **must include action**, not just static imagery.*
- *It often uses figurative verbs, meaning **the actions** themselves carry symbolic meaning.*

Figure of Speech	Core Mechanism	Example
Simile	Comparison by <i>resemblance</i>	"Faith is like a mustard seed". A parable is a continued simile
Metaphor	Comparison by <i>representation</i>	"The Lord is my shepherd" . Allegory is a continued metaphor
Hypocatastasis	Comparison by <i>implication</i>	"Dogs have surrounded me" (implied enemies) Allegory can also be a continued hypocatastasis
Parable	One thing resembles another	The Good Samaritan always stays within the realm of resemblance
Allegory	One thing is another	Psalm 80's vine = Israel Goes beyond resemblance to representation or implication

Mark 4:10-12 As soon as He was alone, **His followers, along with the twelve**, began asking Him about **the parables**. 11 And He was saying to them, "**To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, BUT** those who are outside **get everything in parables**, 12 **so that** while seeing, they may see and **NOT perceive**, and while hearing, they may hear and **NOT understand**, otherwise they might return and be forgiven."

Luke 8:9-10 His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant.

10 And He said, "**To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, BUT to the rest it is in parables**, so that seeing they **may NOT see**, and hearing they **may NOT understand**."

Matthew 13:1-17 1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 **And large crowds gathered to Him**, so He got into a boat and sat down, **and the whole crowd** was standing on the beach.

3 And He spoke many things to them in parables,

.....10 And the disciples came and said to Him, **"Why do You speak to them in parables?"**

11 Jesus answered them, **"To you it HAS been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, BUT to them it HAS NOT been granted.**

12 For whoever **HAS** to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not **have**, even what he **HAS** shall be taken away from him.

13 **Therefore I speak to them in parables; because** while seeing they **do not see**, and while hearing they **do not hear, nor do they understand**. 14 **In their case** the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will keep on hearing, but will not understand;

You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;

15 For the heart of this people has become dull,

With their ears they scarcely hear,

And they have closed their eyes,

Otherwise they would see with their eyes,

Hear with their ears,

And understand with their heart and return,

And I would heal them.'

Matthew 13:.....16 But blessed are **your eyes, because they see;** and **your ears, because they hear.** 17 For truly I say **to you** that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what **you see**, and **did not see it**, and to hear **what you hear**, and **did not hear it.**