

The prodigal son and shrewd manager parallels

<p>he squandered his property in dissolute living. (15.13)</p>	<p>charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. (16.1)</p>
<p><i>soliloquy leading to a new plan</i> But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' (15.17-19)</p>	<p><i>soliloquy leading to a new plan</i> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' (16.3-4)</p>
<p>"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. (15.25)</p>	<p>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' (16.4)</p>
<p>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. (15.22-24)</p>	<p>And his master commended the manager of injustice because he had acted shrewdly (16.8a)</p>