D. In vs.8, what was Jesus' assessment regarding the UNJUST steward's **PLAN?**

The lord was impressed with the steward's resourcefulness of trying to make the best of a difficult situation.

Jesus did not approve of 1. the unjust steward's CONDUCT, but He approved of his SHREWDNESS which was "FORWARD **THINKING.**"

2. Therefore, in this parable of the unjust steward, we can learn 66 A GOOD LESSON from A BAD EXAMPLE." (Lk.10:30-37)

3. According to the latter part of vs 8 there are two types of people: children of the world and children of light. Which one are Christians and explain why?

Christians are children of LIGHT. Because our VALUES and ACTIONS reflect the TEACHING and **EXAMPLE** of JESUS. (Matt. 5:14-16;Lk. 9:23-25

E. In vs.9, what is mammon? And why did Jesus refer to it as *"unrighteous* mammon"?

Money, wealth and material possessions. Because **RICHES PROMISES MUCH** and PERFORM NOTHING (Lk. 12:16-21; 1 Tim.6:17-19)

So, when Jesus says, "make friends of unrighteous mammon, "the implication is to use our **PRESENT** resources to PLAN for ETERNITY. (vs. 9b)

2. As CHRISTIANS we must learn to wisely MANAGE **MONEY** and never forget the most important LONG-TERM INVESTMENT. Which is **INVESTING** with an EYE to ETERNITY. (Col. 3:1-4)

3. The summation of vs. 9 is that JESUS expects us to be both GODLY and WISE in our use of the **RESOURCES** and **OPPORTUNITIES** GOD entrusts to us. (Eph. 5:15-17)