



# Hymn of the Week

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## Why Should the Children of This Age

**Text:** Richard Leach, 2002.

“The parable of the dishonest manager or unjust steward (as it used to be translated) is one of my favorites. It’s a companion to the parable of Lazarus and the rich man—the rich man could have made a friend of Lazarus as the unjust steward makes friends—but it’s usually not heard that way because the lessons are separated on Sunday morning. I enjoyed putting them together and letting them interpret each other in this hymn text.” –Richard Leach

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SLATER, Amanda Husberg, 2002.

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Why should the children of this age be wiser,  
wiser with money than children of light?  
Spending it now can make friends you'll need later,  
when wealth is nowhere in sight.

Jesus, you told of a manager cheating,  
till he was caught and would soon lose his place;  
still he could spend to be sure of a welcome,  
and doors not slammed in his face.

Jesus, you told of a poor man named Laz'rus,  
and a rich man who would not give him aid;  
later the rich man had no friends to call on,  
but later was far too late.

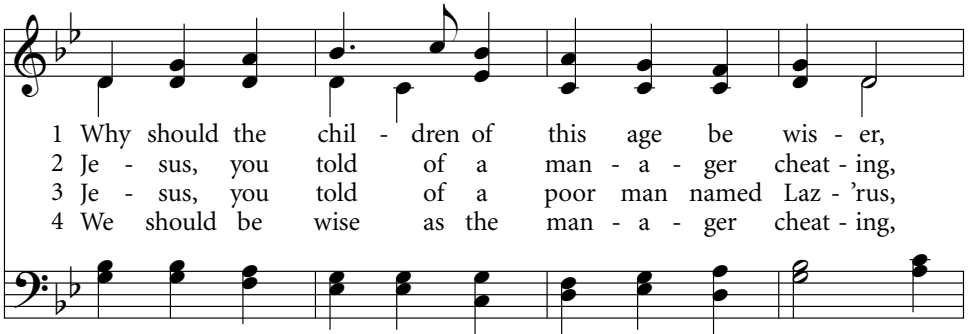
We should be wise as the manager cheating,  
we should be kind as the rich man was not.  
Jesus, you offer us wisdom for seeing  
what can and cannot be bought!

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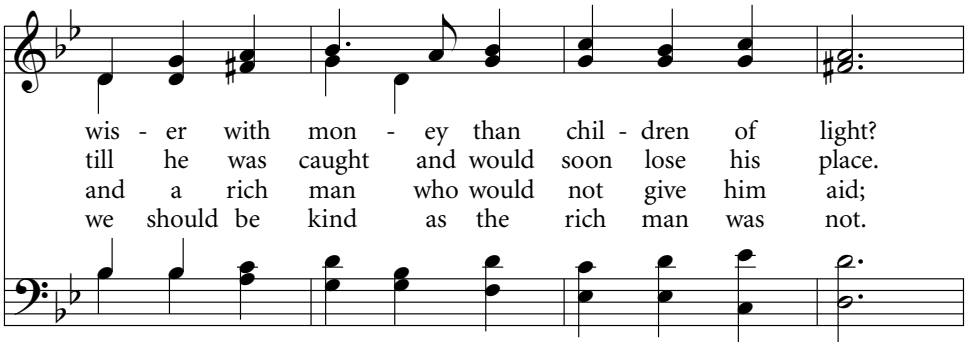
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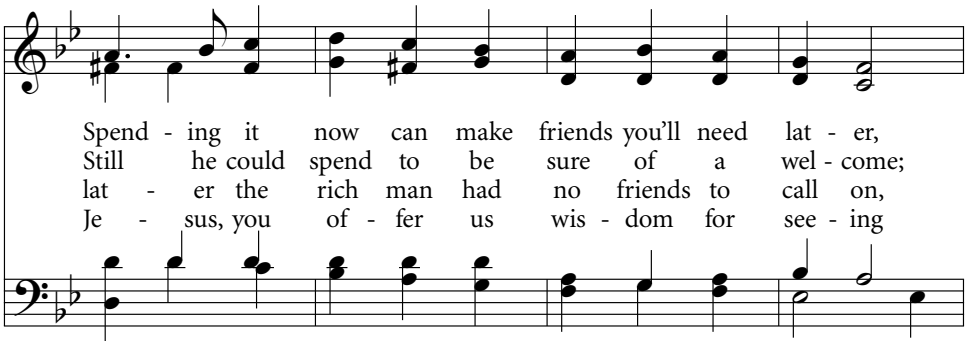
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 2 Je - sus, you told of a man - a - ger cheat - ing,  
 3 Je - sus, you told of a poor man named Laz - 'rus,  
 4 We should be wise as the man - a - ger cheat - ing,



wis - er with mon - ey than chil - dren of light?  
 till he was caught and would soon lose his place.  
 and a rich man who would not give him aid;  
 we should be kind as the rich man was not.



Spend - ing it now can make friends you'll need lat - er,  
 Still he could spend to be sure of a wel - come;  
 lat - er the rich man had no friends to call on,  
 Je - sus, you of - fer us wis - dom for see - ing



when wealth is no - where in sight.  
 doors would not slam in his face.  
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