



# Jesus, the Guru

Jesus told His followers to be awake and alert when it comes to the Kingdom of God. Like a poet or storyteller with a rare gift for words, the Son of God used an everyday life image to explain why humans should be shrewd like the cunning steward.



The steward had fallen into the bad books of his owner for having mismanaged his household. To make amends, the steward called the master's debtors one by one and wrote off half or even a third of each one's debt. This pleased the master who praised the steward for the shrewd act.

Jesus, the Guru, is not asking us to be cunning like the steward but wants us to learn that we have to be vigilant as children of light. When the darkness in this world threatens, we must do everything possible to spread the light of Jesus.

Just as the people of the world resort to any amount of scheming to save their money, status or worldly riches, why can't the people of God do the same to achieve more grace, friendship, peace and joy of the Lord?

When we come across injustice, oppression, violence, exploitation, discrimination, we need to know that these are worldly forces out to destroy the heavenly kingdom established by Jesus. As His followers, we have to do whatever it takes to stop the dark forces.



## Word of God

**Matthew 7: 24 – 29**

"So then, anyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain poured down, the rivers flooded over, and the wind blew hard against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock. But anyone who hears these words of mine and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain poured down, the rivers flooded over, the wind blew hard against that house, and it fell. And what a terrible fall that was!"

## Insight

The Italian Jesuit priest Robert De Nobili is credited with pioneering evangelisation among various

sections of society in Tamil Nadu in the 17th century. De Nobili learnt Sanskrit, Tamil and Telugu after arriving in Madurai. He dressed as an Indian Sanyasi and tonsured his head. He retained Indian traditions, and customs in the lifestyle of the locals who had converted to Christianity. This policy was later endorsed by the Catholic Church as inculturation.



