

How Should I See And Use Money?

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Feature Story:

Luke 16:1-15

Why Did Jesus Tell This Story?

- **He Loved To Shock The PHARISEES**
Luke 16:14, *The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.*
- **Many Of His Followers Are Poor MONEY MANAGERS**
Luke 16:8, *“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.*

The First Thing We Learn From This Story Is...

What “Not” To Do With Your Money:

- **Don’t WASTE IT**
Luke 16:1, *Jesus told His disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’*
- **Don’t LOVE IT...OR LIVE FOR IT!**
Luke 16:13, *No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*
- **Don’t Trust It For YOUR SECURITY**
Luke 16:3, *“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg...’*
Proverbs 23:5, *Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.*

➤ **Don’t Expect It To SATISFY YOU**

Ecclesiastes 5:10, *Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.*

Luke 12:15, *Then He said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”*

5 Counter-Culture Truths About Money:

Every Day I Must Remember...

1. **It All BELONGS TO GOD**

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2. **God Cares How I Spend My Money:**

○ **It Shows What I LOVE MOST**

Matthew 6:19, *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

○ **It Shows What I TRULY TRUST**

Proverbs 11:28, *Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.*

○ **It Shows If God Can TRUST ME**

Luke 16:11, *So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?*

3. **Money Is A Tool To Be Used For GOD’S PURPOSES**

Luke 16:3, *“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ ⁵So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’*

o **He Looked AHEAD** (vs. 3)
Proverbs 14:8, *The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.*

o **He Made PLANS** (vs. 4)

o **He Acted QUICKLY** (vs. 5)

4. Money Is Best Used To Get OTHERS TO HEAVEN

Luke 16:9, *“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, they will welcome you into your eternal dwelling.”*

5. One Day I’ll Give An ACCOUNT TO GOD

Luke 16:2, *So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’*

Romans 14:12, *So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.*

Closing Thought:

If I’m Faithful With Little, God Can Trust Me With More

Luke 16:10, *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.*

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