

Using Money Wisely

Luke 16:12 (HCSB) *And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what is your own?*

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To begin to use money wisely you must...

- 1) Inspect money's _____ (“when it fails”...) (vs. 9a)
 - A) It cannot really make you happy
 - B) It cannot buy back lost time
 - C) It cannot save anyone's life

- 2) Invest in your heavenly welcome _____ (vs. 9b)
 - A) Jesus shows us that the friends we influence spiritually through the use of money will welcome us into heaven.
 - B) Who have you invested in financially so that you can help to influence them spiritually?
 - C) Who have you impacted for Jesus that will welcome you into heaven?

- 3) Investigate your own faithfulness as a _____ (vs. 10-12)
 - A) Faithfulness with little determines if we will be entrusted with greater responsibilities.
 - B) All that we have “belongs to someone else...” that is, everything we have is God's.
 - C) How faithful have you been with God's money?

- 4) Identify your true _____ (vs. 13)
 - A) Either you serve money and despise God, or you serve God and despise the excesses of money.
 - B) D. L. Moody said, “I can see more about the spirituality of a man by reading through his checkbook than I can by reading through his prayer book.”
 - C) Who does your checkbook reveal your true master to be?

Application Questions

- 1. In what ways does our culture pressure us to love money?**
- 2. How can the love of money hurt a person?**
- 3. How did the rich man respond to the manager who was "wasting his possessions"? (16:1-2)**
- 4. Why was the manager scared to lose his job? (16:3)**
- 5. What plan did the manager devise to secure his future? (16:4-7)**
- 6. How did the rich master react to the dishonest dealings of the manager? (16:8)**
- 7. Who are the "people of light" to whom Jesus referred? (16:8)**
- 8. How does Jesus want us to use money? (16:9)**
- 9. What main principle should govern the way we use our resources? (16:10-12)**
- 10. Why is it impossible to serve two masters? (16:13)**
- 11. Why were the Pharisees upset with Jesus' teaching? (16:14)**
- 12. How did the Pharisees "justify" themselves? (16:15)**
- 13. How does God judge people? (16:15)**
- 14. What does God think of the things that we typically value? (16:15)**
- 15. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves"?**
- 16. Why is it so difficult to keep a proper perspective on money?**
- 17. How do you think God wants you to change the way you handle your resources?**
- 18. How can you become more trustworthy in handling the money and things that God has given you?**
- 19. How do you need to change your attitude toward your wealth?**
- 20. What can you do to demonstrate your devotion to the Lord?**
- 21. What can you do during this next week to become a better steward of the resources God has given you?**
- 22. During the next few weeks, what is one way you can live more simply?**