



Christian Stewardship of Money

Luke 16:1 - 13

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Overview Luke 16:1-13

- The parable of the unjust steward (16:1-8a)
- Sons of this age; sons of light contrast (8b)
- Make friends for eternity (9)
- A proverb about faithfulness (10)
- Faithfulness in use of money (11)
- Faithfulness in the use of another's (12)
- Which master will we serve? (13)



The parable of the unrighteous steward

- **Luke 16:1**
Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and this manager was reported to him as squandering his possessions."



A day of reckoning

■ **Luke 16:2**

And he called him and said to him, "What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager."



A sudden plan of action

■ **Luke 16:3, 4**

The manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes."



He will make friends by reducing the debt of the renters

■ **Luke 16:5, 6**

And he summoned each one of his master's debtors, and he began saying to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" And he said, "A hundred measures of oil." And he said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty."

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Massive reductions of debt

■ **Luke 16:7**

Then he said to another, “And how much do you owe?” And he said, “A hundred measures of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill, and write eighty.”

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He is ‘unrighteous’ but praised for shrewdness

■ **Luke 16:8**

And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.

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Worldly wealth used in light of a coming eschatological crisis

■ **Luke 16:9**

And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.



Do we believe that eternity is more important?

■ **Luke 16:10, 11**

He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?



The danger of money becoming a master

■ **Luke 16:12, 13**

And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.



Implications and Applications

- 1) The eschatological crisis means we will soon give account for our management
- 2) We should make eternal friends by how we use our money now
- 3) We should have an attitude toward money that shows that our priority is serving God

1) The eschatological crisis means we will soon give account for our management

■ **Romans 14:11 – 13a**

For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore,

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■ **2Corinthians 5:9, 10**

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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■ **1John 2:16, 17**

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.



2) We should make eternal friends by how we use our money now

■ **Acts 16:14**

A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.



2) We should make eternal friends by how we use our money now

■ **Acts 16:15**

And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. . . vs. 40 They went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia. . .



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■ **Philippians 1:5, 4:15**

in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. . . . You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;



3) We should have an attitude toward money that shows that our priority is serving God

■ **1Timothy 6:9, 10**

But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.



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■ **1Timothy 6:17**

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.



3) We should have an attitude toward money that shows that our priority is serving God

■ **1Timothy 6:18, 19**

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.
