

Our Use of Money

Luke 16:9-13

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. “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. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? “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.

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

Luke 16:1-8

It is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light.

Luke 16:8

1. Use money shrewdly with the eternal future in view

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Luke 16:9 NIV

I dreamed I went to heaven
And You were there with me
We walked upon the streets of gold
Beside the crystal sea
We heard these angels singing
Then someone called your name
You turned and saw this young man
And he was smiling as he came

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Then another man stood before you
And said remember the time
A missionary came to your church
And his pictures made you cry

You didn't have much money
But you gave it anyway
Jesus took the gift you gave
And that's why I'm here today

*Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am a life that was changed
Thank you for giving to the Lord
I am so glad you gave

One by one they came
Far as your eyes could see
Each life somehow touched
By your generosity
Little things that you had done
Sacrifices you made
They were unnoticed on the earth
In heaven now proclaimed

And I know that up in heaven
You're not supposed to cry
But I am almost sure
There were tears in your eyes

As Jesus took your hand
And you stood before the Lord
He said, my child look around you
For great is your reward

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2. Be faithful in managing God's money

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. ¹¹

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¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

Luke 16:10-12

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Luke 16:11

3. Serve God single-mindedly

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**How can we shrewdly and
faithfully use money to
serve God?**

Earn all you can

Save all you can

Give all you can

If at any time you have a doubt about any particular expenditure, ask yourself honestly:

1. Will I be acting, not as an owner, but as a steward of the Lord's goods?
2. Am I acting in obedience to the Word of God?
3. Is this expense a sacrifice to God through Jesus Christ?
4. Do I believe that this expense will bring a reward at the day of resurrection?