

## Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 16

### **Big Idea:** Money Talks

#### 1. Be Heaven-oriented with the Resources God has Given you. (v.1–9)

Luke 16:1–9 He also said to the disciples, “There was a **rich man** who had a **manager**, and charges were brought to him that this man was **wasting** his possessions. <sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can **no longer be manager**.’ <sup>3</sup> And 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, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He said, ‘**A hundred measures of oil**.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and **write fifty**.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘**A hundred measures of wheat**.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and **write eighty**.’ <sup>8</sup> The master commended the dishonest manager for his **shrewdness**. For the **sons of this world** are **more shrewd** in dealing with their own generation than the **sons of light**. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, **make friends for yourselves** by means of **unrighteous wealth**, so that when it fails they may receive you into the **eternal dwellings**.

Megan Yang 50% income for one year to a refugee ministry in Atlanta

Francis Chan reverse tithe

Someone’s adoption

Supporting missionaries

Multiply campaign

Tithing regularly

#### 2. Be Faithful with the Resources God has Given you. (v.10–13)

Luke 16:10–13 <sup>10</sup> “One who is **faithful in a very little** is also **faithful in much**, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will **entrust** to you the **true riches**? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> **No** servant can serve **two masters**, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

#### 3. Don’t be in Love with the Resources God has Given you. (v.14–31)

Luke 16:14–15 <sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who were **lovers of money**, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “You are those who **justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts**. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Luke 16:19–31 <sup>19</sup>“There was a **rich man** who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named **Lazarus**, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>**The poor man died** and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. **The rich man also died** and was **buried**,<sup>23</sup> and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.<sup>24</sup> And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup>And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'”

#### Application

1. Ask Jesus to let His generous grace towards you, make you more generous and gracious towards others.
2. Be in the habit of regularly giving away your time and resources for eternal purposes.
3. Be faithful in the little things, with a view of being entrusted with true riches in heaven.

How to be heaven-oriented, faithful, and not in love:

- Budget
- Audit
- Grow in love for Jesus

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## Discussion Questions | **with** - Luke 16

### **Read Luke 16:1–9**

- What does it look like to be heaven-oriented with your resources?
- How heaven-oriented are you currently with your resources?

### **Read Luke 16:10–13**

- What does it look like to be faithful with resources?
- What might it look like for you to grow in faithfulness with God's resources this month?

### **Read Luke 16:14–15**

- To what extent are you in love with money?
- What does your use of money reveal about your heart toward Jesus?
- How might you grow in being more heaven-oriented with your money?