

# Money Truths: Part 1-The Good Manager

## ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

- 1.Are you a stingy or generous person? Why is that?
- 2.What is the most generous thing you have done?

## WORD

We are starting a new series entitled “Money Truths”. At the end of this series we will have a better understanding about the biblical truths about money. Let us read the passage below...

Luke 16:1-12 (NIV)

*Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 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.’ 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— 4 I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ 5 “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ “6 ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ 7 “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ 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. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. 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 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? 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.”*

**On this passage, we will learn three things...**

\*A good manager does not waste his master’s possessions. And a good manager does not spend his master’s money. (Luke 16:1-2)

\*A good manager does not think for himself. ( Luke 16:3-4)

\*A good manager does not act dishonest and crafty to his master. (Luke 16:5-9)

## **DISCUSSION**

Why do you think that the manager in this parable is described as “shrewd”? What do you think Jesus is challenging his listeners to do by telling this story?

## **LIFE APPLICATION**

(Luke 16:10-13).

*“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”*

Jesus spent more time in his ministry talking about money than He did talking about Heaven. That’s how important it was for Him to convey the message that if we make money our god, we will end up being our own means to an end. If we want to live a meaningful life, we must become a means to an end that is not of us. Likewise, if we choose to only live for ourselves, we`ll only have ourselves to show for it.

**FUN FACT:** Jesus never asked for money and never took up any money, Rather used it as an illustration of what we can do with our money to expand God`s Kingdom.

## **DISCUSSION**

What are the differences between someone who serves money and one who serves God? Which one are you right now?

## **VERSE TO MEDITATE ON**

Luke 16:11

*11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?*

## **PRAYER**

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.

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