

FAITHFUL



Luke 16:1-13, ESV – 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. ²And 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.’ ³And 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. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then 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.’ ⁸The 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. ⁹And 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. ¹⁰“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. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No 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.”

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of June 16, 2019

Luke 16:1-13

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded to be faithful with all that God has given us, including all our wealth and riches. What does it mean to be faithful with our wealth and riches?
- 2 Describe the behaviors of a person who has an eternal perspective of money.
- 3 Does your view of money change knowing that money is a test given by God? Explain.
- 4 It is often said, "If you want to know someone's priorities, look at their bank account transactions." What would be said about your priorities using this measuring stick?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *1 Tim 6:6-10, ESV – ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

- 5 When reading passages about riches and wealth, what warnings are we given?

6 Why do you think the love of money is the **root** of many evils?

7 How do cravings and covetousness make contentment difficult?

B **1 Tim 6:17-19, ESV** – ¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

8 Looking at the passage above, what is Paul's exhortation to those who are rich?

9 Why does Paul call upon the rich and wealthy to do these things?

10 How have you been generous with your wealth? What are some other ways you can be generous with your riches?

TAKING IT HOME

We must remember that everything is God's and He gives to each of us according to His grace, not according to our own works. In response, we are to be faithful stewards, not hoarding individuals. What would it look like for you to develop a consistent life of faithfulness with money? What steps do you need to take in order to be more generous with money?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

1 Ch 29:14

Matt 6:24

Col 3:5