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You hold the stars inside your hands

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Great Your faithfulness

BIBLE READING Luke 16:1-15 (Church Bible page 1101)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Build my life



Pounds and Pence ~1
The Purpose of Money
Luke 16:1-15

1. Money is a _____ to an _____.

'Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 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.'" Luke 16:1-2 NIV

'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—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'" Luke 16:3-4 NIV

'So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' " 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.'" 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.'" Luke 16:5-7 NIV

2. Money is a _____.

'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.' Luke 16:8 NIV

'I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.'
Luke 16:9 NIV

3. Money is a _____.

How can I leverage _____ of what I have as a
_____ to an end that is outside of what
benefits me?

Do I want more _____, or do I want more _____?

'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?' Luke 16:10-11 NIV

'And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?' Luke 16:12 NIV

If you're just a manager, not an owner,
_____ are you managing it for?

'No servant can serve two masters. 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 both God and Money.' Luke 16:13 NIV

'The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.' Luke 16:14 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What do you feel you regularly spend too much money on?
2. When it comes to managing money, what are three words that best describe you?
3. Parables are fictional stories Jesus told in order to teach his followers something important. On that note, read Luke 16:1–13.
 - Look up the definition of the word “shrewd.” Why would the master describe the manager’s actions as shrewd?
 - In a sentence, try to clarify what Jesus was challenging his listeners to do.
 - In verse 11, Jesus contrasts worldly wealth with true riches. What do you think are the “true riches” Jesus refers to? Are you currently being entrusted with any true riches?
 - If it’s true that no one can serve both God and money, what are the differences between the person who serves money and the person who serves God?
4. At funerals, people tell stories as opposed to parading “stuff.” Which of these questions can help you shift from “stuff” to “stories”?
 - What do you want people to line up to thank you for at the end of your life?
 - What breaks your heart right now that you could use your money to do something about?
5. If money is intended to be a means to something rather than the meaning of life, what would be a triumph statement for your money? If it’s not just consumption, upgrades, and waste, what is it?

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