

**Sermon: Faithful Managers of Our Master's Resources.**

**Series:** *Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.*

**Scripture:** Luke 16:1-17.

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) Read Psalm 24:1 and 1 Cor. 4:7. What understanding of God do we gain from these scriptures, and how does it relate to how we manage our resources?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Consider the Parable of the Shrewd Manager (16:1-9). What makes it difficult or easy for you to see yourself as the manager of God's possessions and not the owner of your own possessions?

b) Read verse 13 again. In what ways have you tried to serve both God and money?

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) In what way is Jesus the owner in the parable? In what way did he become the "manager?" How is Christ a far better manager than the one in the parable (think about the forgiving of debts)?

b) Read 2 Cor. 8:9. How did Christ's poverty make us rich? How does Christ's giving empower our giving?

**APPLICATION**

a) Read verse 10-11. Is there an area of your life where God is asking you to be faithful in "very little?" Maybe a role that seems beneath you or a relationship with someone who seems insignificant to you? How can you be faithful in this "little" thing?

b) Where is God entrusting you with "unrighteous wealth" (earthly riches)? What about with "true riches" (spiritual riches)? (Note: Jesus' point is that if God can't trust you with "earthly riches" how will he trust you with "heavenly riches" – the relationships we make or "friends" as in verse nine)

c) Is there a specific way that you are or could be investing in the kingdom of God? In what way does the gospel motivate you to invest in the Kingdom of God?

**PRAYER**

- Acknowledge God as the generous owner of all things.
- Confess ways that you have tried to serve both God and money.
- Thank Jesus for taking on the form of a servant for us so that he could forgive ALL our debts.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to be faithful in all things while investing in the Kingdom of God.