

# GENEROUS

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## **Luke 16:1-13**

How we manage money and possessions is always a matter of the heart (Matt 6:21)

Jesus knows that the issue of money and possessions has the power to consume and derail us more quickly than anything else

### **Financial Responsibility**

1. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ money
  - ✓ God owns it all: One day we will give an account
  - ✓ We are only managers, not the owner
  
2. There are times we can \_\_\_\_\_ from the unbeliever
  
3. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ money
  - ✓ You cannot have 2 #1 priorities
  - ✓ Make God your master and money your servant
  
4. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ money to give your life \_\_\_\_\_
  - ✓ Your net-worth does not equal your self-worth
  - ✓ Our worth and value is because we are created in God's image
  - ✓ God \_\_\_\_\_ us. Jesus died and rose again \_\_\_\_\_ us. The Holy Spirit wants to take up residence \_\_\_\_\_ us.
  
5. God will entrust \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are faithful with \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. In what areas of your life do you seem to squander money the most? Consider doing a 30 day audit of your finances.
3. Read Deuteronomy 8:17-18. How should we respond when we are tempted to think that we have earned the right to truly "own" our money and material possessions? Read Exodus 19:5, Deuteronomy 10:14, Job 41:11, Psalm 24:1
4. In Luke 16:8, Jesus is not praising the dishonesty of the manager, rather his shrewdness. The lesson is that, at times, we can learn from worldly business men and women.
  - What would happen if we pursued the Kingdom of God with the same vigor and zeal that the children of this world pursue profits and pleasure?
  - What did you think of the comment Pastor Brian made, "It is a shame of the Church that Pepsi is more widely distributed than the gospel of Jesus Christ?"
5. In Luke 16:9, Jesus illustrates the importance of managing finances and possessions well as a testimony to unbelievers.
  - How can good management of money be a testimony to unbelievers?
6. Read 1 Timothy 6:10. What is your attitude towards money? Where does it rank in the priorities of your heart?
7. Remember that your self-worth comes from God. God MADE you! Jesus died and rose again FOR you! The Holy Spirit wants to take up residence IN you!

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Luke 16:1-13) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?