

# GENEROUS

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

Money and material things are not, in and of themselves, bad. They can and should be used for good. Just do not love them more than you love God.

If you don't learn to manage your money, your money will manage you.

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

### **Financial Clarity**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to God
  - ✓ All we have is on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ✓ How well are we taking care of what God has entrusted to us
  
2. God will use money to \_\_\_\_\_ important aspects of our lives  
God uses money to help us see:
  - A. What I love the most
  - B. What I trust the most
  - C. If He can trust me – unmanaged \_\_\_\_\_ reveal an unmanaged \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Money is simply a \_\_\_\_\_
  - ✓ Do not love money, use it
  - ✓ We are to \_\_\_\_\_ people and \_\_\_\_\_ money, not love money and use people

3 things the shrewd manager did that God wants us to follow:

  - A. He focused on the future
  - B. He planned
  - C. He was decisive

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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. How does understanding that everything is on loan change your perspective of your possessions?
3. If you believe in the Biblical truth that everything belongs to God and that He has entrusted you with His possessions, then believe that He will not leave you alone to figure things out on your own.
  - What financial decisions do you need God to help with?
  - Are you willing to let Him direct you?
4. God will use money to reveal important aspects of your life.
  - What do you love the most?
  - What do you trust the most?
  - Can God trust you with His possessions? If so, how.
5. Are there unmanaged finances in your life? How have you been dealing with that?
6. How did the shrewd manager focus on the future, plan, and be decisive?
  - How are you planning for the future?
  - In what areas of your finances do you need to be decisive?
7. Are you loving people and using money or loving money and using people? What are some practical ways you can use money to love people?

**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?