

Main Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

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

Scripture References:

Luke 15:13-14 – Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. 14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

Luke 12:19-21 – And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Luke 16:19-21 – "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

James 5:1, 4-5 – Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you... 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

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Jesus our Rabbi #9 – Luke 16:1-13 – There was a certain rich man...

Have you ever dreamed about what you would do if you won the lottery?

Main Idea: Disciples of Christ are to view worldly wealth as an opportunity to _____
the Kingdom of God rather than a _____ for luxury.

Luke 16:1-3 The manager was worried about giving an _____ to the Master, why?

16:4-7 The manager writes down their bills so that they will...

16:8-9 The _____ makes the point: *Why does the Master praise the manager?*

Compare the Parables in Luke 15 & Luke 16: In both great wealth is _____.

The Prodigal Son

The Dishonest manager

Lived for the _____

Was Thinking of the _____

Spent on his own _____

Used the wealth to _____ others

Was _____ in Spending

Was _____ in his dealings

What makes wealth unrighteous?

One - James 5:1-6 - Gained at the _____ of others

Two - Luke 12 – Failure to _____ the blessing of God.

Three - Luke 16 - _____ to the Poor and Hurting

Luke 16:19 – Parable of Lazarus and a Rich Man: *Four qualities of the Rich Man*

Application: Luke 16:10-13 The attitude of a disciple of Christ toward wealth:

One - Set your mind on being a _____ of the Kingdom

Two – Put your possessions and wealth at His _____ to advance the Kingdom

Three – Learn the secret of being _____ Christ

Prayerfully ask the Lord what needs to change in your attitude toward wealth/possessions?