

“ONLY ONE MASTER”

Luke 16:1-15 – Mike Churchill

How should we view money?

1. We should view money as _____.

Luke 16:9

2. We should view money as our _____.

Luke 16:10-12

TAKE HOME TRUTH

We are _____ with our money when
we are _____ about our hearts.

Luke 16:13-15

Today's Core Belief:

Stewardship: I believe that everything
I am or own belongs to God.
(from 1 Timothy 6:17-19)

Today's Action:

Memorize Matthew 6:19-21



Deeper Connection Study

Jesus speaks with his disciples (vv. 1-13) and to the Pharisees (vv. 14-15) regarding practical matters of temporal and eternal importance. He challenges us to consider our use of worldly wealth and what it means to be good stewards.

Today's Core Belief discussed: Stewardship

Read Luke 16:1-15

1. In the parable, what is the predicament of the manager (vv. 1-4)? What is his plan?
2. Why is the manager called dishonest (vv. 5-7)? Why then is he commended and by whom (v. 8)? How is this the twist in the story?
3. What is the meaning of verse 9? How does it deal with the way we use our resources?
4. How do you view money and possessions? How can you be trustworthy in handling worldly wealth? How is this an issue of stewardship?
5. Why does Jesus highlight the inability of someone serving two masters (v. 13; par. Matt. 6:24)? Why are finances and possessions *the* major obstacle to our trust in God (cf. Prov. 30:7-9; Mk. 10:23; I Tim. 6:6-10)?
6. How do Jesus' words to the Pharisees hit them hard (vv. 14-15)? Yet what could Jesus say about us today in regards to the inclinations of our hearts? What would he say to you?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Pray for an undivided heart that fully worships, trusts, and obeys Jesus Christ. Ask God to help you be an effective steward of the resources he has entrusted to you. Praise God for his provision and care for you.

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"LIFE PRINCIPLES IN
THE PARABLES"

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I once heard a story about a man who was driving with his wife through a high end neighborhood. Everywhere they looked they saw mansions, perfectly manicured lawns and fancy cars. As they looked on in awe he asked his wife, "Why don't you think God chose to make us wealthy?" She simply replied, "Maybe He thinks He has."

It's so true that we all put different values on the things of this world. What makes you truly rich? Is it the big house or fancy car? Is it your loving family or close friends?

Today we will look at a parable that challenges us to think about what we truly value. We will examine what is eternal and what is temporal, then we will examine our own hearts.

