

Title: Faithful in the very little
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Luke 16:1-13 (ESV)

"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 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."

a. Four truths about money

What is Jesus teaching in this passage about money?

a1: money is seen as "very little"

Luke 16:10 (ESV)

"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.

a2: money is a measure for trust

Luke 16:11 (ESV)

If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

a3: money does not belong to you

Luke 16:12 (ESV)

And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

a4: money can become your god

Luke 16:13 (ESV)

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."

b. Making money your servant

How can we be faithful with money?

b1: budgeting and planning

Proverbs 20:18

Plans are established by counsel; By wise counsel wage war.

Proverbs 21:5

The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

b2: heavenly investing

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

How to lay up treasures in heaven:

1. Give into the storehouse.
2. Give to the poor.
3. Give in faith as the Holy Spirit leads.

Ministry

1. Repent of making money your master.
2. Worship Jesus and ask Him to make you a giver.
3. Commit to be accountable.