

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

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community church



Saturday & Sunday, October 7&8, 2017 Ray Davis

“Taming the Shrewd” Luke 16:1-31

You can be shrewd (intelligent, wise, prudent, i.e. mindful of one's interests v8) with money in the here and now, but not be shrewd with money in light of eternity. However, you cannot be shrewd with money in light of eternity, without also being shrewd with money in the here and now.

1) We are managers of money that is not ours. Vv1-13

- We don't serve our interests, but God's. 1Cor4:7; 1Chro29:11-14
- If we're not faithful with little, we won't be faithful with much. vv10-12; 1Cor.4:2
- If we don't manage money it will manage us (v13):
Planning (budget 10/10/80 rule/Pro21:5)
Accounting (record keeping/Pro27:23-24)
True Wealth (Fear of the Lord/Pr15:16-17)
Self-control (stops impulsive/compulsive spending-Pro25:28)
Generosity (faithfully, sacrificially & joyfully/Pro3:9-10)

2) We are recipients and givers of a love & friendship beyond this world. Vv9-18

Three things happen when we give to further God's Kingdom:

- We help people become Christians.
- We make friends for eternity.
- Heaven should be full of people who cheer when you get there!

3) There is nothing we can invest our lives in that has greater impact eternally. Vv19-31

- By denying Hell's reality, you demean God's holiness & justice & lower the stakes of redemption, minimizing Christ's work on the Cross.
- God passed the required sentence of death on our sin and then took that punishment Himself on the cross. Rom6:23
- We are in the highest stake battle ever fought, on the broadest battle field of engagement ever imagined. Pro24:11; James5:20

Growing Notes

- 1) Read the introduction of this sermon. What does it mean to be shrewd? What are your thoughts and feelings? What kind of impact should our faith have on how we manage money?
- 2) The subject of our text is money and the object is how to be shrewd with our money in light of eternity. Read Luke 16:1-31. What stands out to you from this text relating to the subject of money?
- 3) What does it mean that we are managers of money that is not ours? Whose interests should we be serving with our money (1Cor4:7; 1Chro29:11-14)? How important is our faithfulness (vv10-12; 1Cor.4:2)? What are the five wise financial principles for managing money?
- 4) What does it mean that we are recipients and givers of a love and friendship that is out of this world (vv9-18)? What three things happen when we give to further God's Kingdom (note vv9, 16)?
- 5) There is nothing we can invest our lives in that will have eternal impact like God's Kingdom (vv19-31). Explain. What happens when we deny Hell's reality? What is God's remedy for our eternal dilemma (John3:16)? We are in the highest stake battle ever fought, on the broadest battle field of engagement ever imagined (Pro24:11; James5:20). Explain. What is God speaking to you? Pray.