



Message 60:
The Strange Story of the Wily Servant
Luke 16:1-13

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Focus question

What does Jesus' strange story about the wily estate manager teach us about financial responsibility?

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1. We are managers not owners.

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Luke 16:1

There was a rich man who had a manager. . .

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2. If you are smart, you will invest in your long-term future.

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Luke 16:9

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.

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3. Character is revealed in small things.

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Luke 16:10

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.

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4. Eternal responsibility is connected to present management.

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Luke 16:11-12

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?

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5. How you spend now reveals who you serve.

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Luke 16:13

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 wealth."

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Application Question

What do your financial commitments reveal about your trust in God and your loyalty to his Kingdom?