

Living for the Kingdom
Luke 16:1-13

Peter Roebbelen
June 6, 2010



The Story

- **The ‘manager’ was a servant who had responsibility for managing his rich master’s financial affairs**
- **He was accused of wasting his master’s possessions**
- **He’s been fired**
- **He gets incredibly creative and bold**
- **He reduces the amount owed by his master’s debtors so he will have a place to go after he loses his job**
- **The master commends him for his shrewdness (which means being clever, prudent, having foresight)**

The Main Point – “I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.” (v. 9)

- **We are to think of the coming kingdom in the same way the manager thought about his future - we are to act now, before our worldly wealth is gone, so that we might be welcomed into heaven.**

**We are to be shrewd
in handling worldly wealth.**

‘worldly wealth’ = unjust or unrighteous wealth

Jesus doesn’t say, “Don’t touch money.” He says, “Use it wisely.”

We are to use worldly wealth for the Kingdom – with a view to making heavenly friends.

God wants us to be shrewd and creative in how we manage *his* resources.

Spiritual Conditions

- **If we prove ourselves faithful with the little we have now, God will entrust us with much in the coming kingdom.**
- **If we are wise in how we handle the false, unrighteous wealth of this world, we will be given the true riches of the kingdom to come.**
- **If we are faithful in managing God’s property here and now, we will be given our own property in the age to come.**

We cannot serve two masters:

It’s not, “Do I want it and will it benefit me?” but “Does God want it and will it benefit the Kingdom?”

An Undeniable Principle – the way we handle worldly wealth is inextricably tied to our spirituality; it is, in fact, an indicator of our walk with God.

Why? _____

How? _____

The Ask? Shrewd creative passion

Things to Think About:

Reflect on God’s incredible love for you. Think about his unbelievable generosity. Thank Him.

Do you trust God to provide for all of your needs in this world and the next?

Take an honest look at how you handle worldly wealth. Who are you serving? God or Money?

Invite God to (re)direct your attitude towards money.

Ask God to (re)direct how you use worldly wealth for the Kingdom today and for the Kingdom to come.

If you need help with managing money, talk to a pastor or leader.
