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- We are God's money managers.
- Luke 16:1-2
- God owns everything and He has assigned to human beings management responsibilities over His assets.



1. Are we faithful in how we handle money?

- Luke 16:10-11
- If we are not faithful with what God has already entrusted to us... why should He trust us with any more?
- Luke 16:11



III. IS MONEY REALLY IMPORTANT TO God?

- Jesus said more about how we are to view and handle money and possessions than about any other topic.
- Consider Luke 19:8-10.
- It seems Jesus judged the reality of Zacchaeus' salvation by his willingness (cheerful eagerness) to part with his money for God's glory and the good of others.



III. IS MONEY REALLY IMPORTANT TO God?

- Note Matthew 19:16-25.
- Jesus knew that money was the rich young man's god.
- The principle is clear... is Christ Lord over our money and possessions?
- Note carefully Luke 3:7-14.
- John's instructions all relate to money and possessions.
- Acts 19:18-20



III. Isn't what we do with our money our own business?

- Mark 12:41-44
- Our Lord notices and cares what people do with their money.
- Jesus deliberately watched what people were doing.
- Luke 12:16-22
- The God who knows hearts and sees from the vantage point of eternity regards the poor woman as eternally wise and the rich man as eternally foolish.



IV. It all belongs to God.

- A steward is someone an owner entrusts with the management of his assets.
- Psalms 24:1
- Deuteronomy 10:14
- Leviticus 25:23
- I Chronicles 29:11-12
- Job 41:11
- Psalms 50:10-12
- Haggai 2:8



IV. It all belongs to God.

- I Chronicles 6:19-20
- Deuteronomy 8:18
- I Samuel 2:7



Scriptures



Luke 16:1-2

¹ He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. ² So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’”



Luke 16:10-11

10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. **11**

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Luke 16:11

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Luke 19:8-10

8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” **9** And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; **10** for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”



Matthew 19:16-25

16 Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”

17 So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”



Matthew 19:16-25

18 He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ **19** ‘Honour your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ ” **20** The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”



Matthew 19:16-25

21 Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” **22** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. **23** Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.”



Matthew 19:16-25

24 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

25 When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”



Luke 3:7-14

⁷ Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.



Luke 3:7-14

9 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” **10** So the people asked him, saying, “What shall we do then?” **11** He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.”



Luke 3:7-14

12 Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” **13** And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.”

14 Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.”



Acts 19:18-20

18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. **19** Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. **20** So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.



Mark 12:41-44

41 Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. **42** Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. **43** So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury.”



Mark 12:41-44

44 for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”



Luke 12:16-22

16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. **17** And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ **18** So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up



Luke 12:16-22

eat, drink, and be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ ²¹ “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” ²² Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on



Psalms 24:1

¹ The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
the world and those who dwell therein.



Deuteronomy 10:14

14 Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it.



Leviticus 25:23

23 'The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with Me.



I Chronicles 29:11-12

11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all. **12** Both riches and honour come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all



Job 41:11

11 Who has preceded Me, that I should pay him? Everything under heaven is Mine.



Psalms 50:10-12

10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. **11** I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine. **12** “If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is Mine, and all its fullness.



Haggai 2:8

8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts.



I Chronicles 6:19-20

19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. Now these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers:

20 of Gershon were Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son



Deuteronomy 8:18

18 “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.



I Samuel 2:7

7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up.

