

# The Gospel of Luke: Focused on Eternity (16:1-15)

## 1. The Story of the Unrighteous Steward (vs.1-8)

- A. The rich \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.1)  
\*very rich, had a manager of his estate/wealth, 2 debts mentioned, of many, were huge; would have been large agriculture operation; lived in another area, steward watched over this
- B. The unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.1)  
1. Gk. word for manager, was a free man, of high social status and responsibility  
2. he was trusted – had full right to act on behalf of master, managed all lands, full administrator
- C. The bad \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.1-2)  
1. squandering the master's wealth; Gk. word, to disperse, throw away, like young son in Lk15  
2. called to answer for his actions; fired and called to give the accounting of what he had done
- D. The terrifying \_\_\_\_\_: What shall I do now? (vs.3-7)  
1. The light bulb comes on! \*white collar worker, don't want to dig or beg, I have a plan!  
2. I'll contact my boss's debtors and set up a new deal, that will cause them to owe me big!  
\*this society, you do a huge favor, they owe you  
\*these were outstanding debts, due at harvest, so a new deal could be cut  
3. The master praises the manager for being so **shrewd**; means to manipulate, connive, work your resources and connections in your power for self

## 2. Jesus Applies the Story to Our Lives (vs.9-15)

- A. Money reveals our \_\_\_\_\_ towards people (vs.9) – make eternal friends with your money  
1. By your investment w/ money/wealth in this life, people came to know Christ, salvation  
2. worldly wealth/mammon will fail, burn up, you can't take it with you! **Lk12:19-21; 1Tim6:7; Eccl.5:13-16**  
3. Make eternal investments with your money, send it ahead by using it for the Church and gospel! **\*Acts2:44-47; 2Cor8:1-5**
- B. Money reveals our own \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.10-12) – faithful or not with the very little (money), will be with faithful or not faithful with the BIG  
1. vs.11 – How you use your money for the gospel or worldly things, reveals your eternal reward  
\*You could be a master of money on earth, but if not focused on God's business, you'll be a pauper in heaven! **\*Matt.6:19-21; 1Tim6:17-19**  
\*We are stewards/managers of the Gospel! **\*1Cor.4:1-2; 1Tim1:11**  
2. vs.12 – Are you squandering God's money (ALL you have is His), like the guy in the story???  
**\*Quotes ...**
- C. Money reveals our \_\_\_\_\_ towards God (vs.13-15) – is God our master, or is wealth...  
1. Slave was the property of one, owner had complete control and authority in everything; no way possible to be the slave of 2 masters!  
2. Jesus says, we can have only 1 master, God or wealth – impossible to serve both – **SO**, what does the way I use money show I live for – worldly things and a secure retirement – OR, the gospel and the things that are eternal?  
3. **Quote:** Calvin – “Where riches hold the dominion of the heart, God has lost His authority.”  
4. **Note vs.14** and how the Pharisees responded to Jesus' words...  
5. **Also note vs.15** – think of all the things the world holds in high esteem – wealth, lots of stuff, gold medals, championships, power, they are detestable in the sight of God  
\*Only 2 things here are eternal – the Word of God and the souls of men...

\*\*\*How will you invest your one life? Will you be rich or a pauper forever in heaven?