

The Gospel of Luke: Focused on Eternity; part2

1. Is it wrong for a Christian to have Money?

- A. Should we all just sell _____ and be missionaries in a 3rd World country?
1. If Jesus asks us to do that, yes. *Mark10:21-25; Ja2:5*
 2. Does Jesus ask everyone to do that? _____ He demands we give up our idols...
(Ex. Nicodemus, woman at the well)
 3. He does ask everyone to give up everything in our heart. **Luke14:33*
- B. The issue is not money itself, but the _____ of money
1. *1Tim6:10; Matt6:19* – notice where the focus is...*don't store up treasure for your_____.*
**The sin* is not earning and saving money but self-indulgence; greed = idolatry.
 2. God gives us wealth to reach the lost (make eternal friends); further His kingdom and provide for our needs.*(Lk16:9; Mt6:31-33)*
 3. The more God gives you, the more He expects from you! *(Lk12:48; and parables of talents)*

2. How do We Avoid the Love of Money and Focus on Eternity? (Lk16:9-13)

- A. Shrewd manager – how much more... _____ to greater (Lk16:9)
1. If the world is shrewd to use all connections and means to make money for self – How much more should we use the wealth God gives for His mission and His glory!
 2. *Example:* 12boys and coach saved from cave in Thailand...stranded 3wks in cave
 3. *How much more* should we use our skills, talents, abilities, money, resources for the gospel!!!
****You* have exactly what you have because God has a purpose for you in the gospel!
- B. So, be _____ with what God gives you *(vs.10-13) *1Tim6:17-19*
1. Don't be _____ /arrogant and don't trust in money that fails, but trust God
**Do we trust the bank more than God? The grocery store? Do we take any risks for God?*
 2. _____ God who gives to us for *our joy* – what is the highest form of joy on earth?
 3. Command (vs.18) – do good, rich in good works, **be** _____ – godly riches are good works
**do good to orphans, widows, family, the church, missionaries, rescue children – Good Sam...*
 4. Command – be ready to _____; Gk. fellowship – share with the Church (Acts2)
 5. Result (vs.19) Gk. amass a fortune laid up for future in heaven; take hold-real living on earth
- C. This opens the door for the _____ – position yourself to be _____ !!!

3. What does this Mean for Us Today? (resources together for winning this generation)

- A. You are here for such a time as **this!**
1. *Ex.* FBI agent and Sounds of Freedom
 2. We are losing the children of this generation (Judges2:10)
**consider* the atrocities of our day and what is happening to our children...
 3. Will we use our wealth from God for a cheap thrill for self, or to rescue our children?!
- B. God says to _____ His Word and see if He will not answer! *Malachi3:8-10*
1. _____ – give to the church
 2. _____ – above tithe; example - day of generosity on Sept1
 3. _____ - yourself to be generous – use your resources and skills for God's plans
- ***And see if you will not find yourself full of joy; seeing God work; and storing up treasure in heaven!*