

TRANSFORMING HOW I SEE & USE MONEY

TRANSFORMED – Part 6

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Parable of the Shrewd Manager

Jesus told this story to his disciples: *“There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer’s money.² So the employer called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? [Give me an accounting of your stewardship and report what you’ve done with what I entrusted to you], because you are going to be fired.’³ “The manager thought to himself, ‘Now what? My boss has fired me. I don’t have the strength to dig ditches, and I’m too proud to beg.⁴ Ah, I know how to ensure that I’ll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.’⁵ “So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe him?’⁶ The man replied, ‘I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.’ So the manager told him, ‘Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.’⁷ “ ‘And how much do you owe my employer?’ he asked the next man. ‘I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,’ was the reply. ‘Here,’ the manager said, ‘take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.’⁸ “The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal for being so shrewd. And it is true that the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with the world around them than are the children of the light.”*

Luke 16:1–8 (NLT)

WHAT NOT TO DO WITH MONEY

1. DON’T TRASH IT.

“...the manager was wasting his employer’s money.”

2. DON’T TRUST IT.

“The manager thought to himself, ‘Now what? My boss has fired me...”

*“Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle.”
(Proverbs 23:5, GNB)*

3. DON’T TREASURE IT.

“Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!” (Ecclesiastes 5:10, NLT)

“...Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.” (Luke 12:15, NLT)

WHAT TO REMEMBER EVERYDAY

1. MONEY IS A TRUST.

a certain rich man who had a manager handling HIS affairs

“And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?” (Luke 16:11–12, NLT)

2. MONEY IS A TOOL.

“I tell you, use worldly wealth...” (Luke 16:9, NIV)

“For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.” (1 Timothy 6:10a, NLT)

WHAT THE MANAGER DID RIGHT

- HE LOOKED AHEAD (vs. 3)

“The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won’t face facts.” (Proverbs 14:8, The Living Bible)

- HE MADE A PLAN (vs. 4)

“I know what I’ll do...” (Luke 16:4, NIV)

“We should make plans—counting on God to direct us.” (Proverbs 16:9, The Living Bible)

- HE ACTED QUICKLY (vs. 5-6)

“We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.” (John 9:4, NLT)

3. MONEY IS A TEST.

“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 16:2, NKJV)

“So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.” (Romans 14:12, NIV)

- IT SHOWS WHAT I LOVE

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” (Matthew 6:19–21, NLT)

- IT SHOWS WHAT I TRUST

“Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment.” (1 Timothy 6:17, The Living Bible)

- IT SHOWS WHAT I **VALUE**

“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.” (Luke 16:9, NIV)

“Tell [the rich] to use their money to do good...By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity!” (1 Timothy 6:18–19, The Living Bible)

ACTIONS:

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