

SHREWD ECONOMICS: THE MERCIFUL USE OF MONEY

LUKE 16:1-13

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The Parable vs. 1-8

Characters:

Problem:

Solution:

Result:

Moral: Be _____ and use your fleeting resources to _____ and secure a _____.

The Vision vs. 9

What vision does Jesus give us for how we use wealth?

"Be _____ and _____ as you wield the temporal wealth God gives to make _____ for _____."

"It ought to be the business of every day to prepare for our last day."

~Matthew Henry

How we handle wealth in this age indicates whether we will participate in the age to come.

~Tom Schreiner

The Values vs. 10-13

What values does Jesus call us to in the stewardship of God's resources?

1. _____

"Faithfulness in little things is a big thing." ~John Chrysostom

2. _____

"Where there is no honesty, there is no grace." ~J.C. Ryle

3. _____

"You gotta serve somebody." ~Bob Dylan

Questions for Discussion:

1. Has your wallet been converted? Is Jesus Lord of your finances? Ask God to help you surrender all worldly claim to the wealth you've been given.
2. Do you see money as a tool God gives to further his kingdom? How are you wielding that tool? Share examples to encourage one another in how you use wealth to impact eternity.
3. How have you been tempted to be dishonest or unfaithful with the wealth God gives you? Confess where you've failed and ask God to help you be honest and faithful.
4. Do you have a vision to use the temporal wealth God has given you to store up eternal wealth?
5. Do you value people more than things, or are you valuing your life by your possessions? Reread the Parable of the Rich Fool in Luke 12:13-21.
6. How could you be more shrewd, wise, prudent, sensible in how you invest your wealth into eternity? Are you willing to take risks to see eternity full?
7. Pray for God to give you fresh vision for how you can use temporal wealth to reach out with the Gospel so that your welcome into eternity is filled with lots of friends.