

**JESUS & HIS PARABLES** 













#### CALL TO WORSHIP

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

-Matthew 6:19-21



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He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' 3 And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'



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8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. 10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?



12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." 14 The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.





15 And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

-Luke 16:1-15





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#### THE STORY VS. 1-9

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"17 Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day." -Deut. 8:17-18

"14 Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it." -Deut. 10:14

"12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all." -1 Chron. 29:12





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4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from Scheme to look out for himself; utilize relational capital for personal gain management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5 So, Illegal in Jewish culture to charge interest (Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36; Deut. 23:19) summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first,

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measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down Knocked off his "interest"; cut debt by 50% quickly and write fifty.' 7 Then he said to another, 'And how

much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He wheat = more stable crop; cut debt by 20%

said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'





Not for sin of dishonestly but for cleverness

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Jesus is teaching them to be like the dishonest manager, not in his sin, but in his cleverness for being strategic with what he had/did.



## USE EARTHLY WEALTH TO REAP ETERNAL IMPACT VS. 3-9

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ie: worldly goods tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous Both \$\$ & Possessions Not "if" but "when" wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the Furtherance of gospel = purpose of pocketbook eternal dwellings.

Jesus became poor so that we might become rich (2 Cor. 8:9). Gospel gratitude compels us to use wealth to bless others and advance His kingdom.





#### BE FAITHFUL IN SMALL THINGS TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH TRUE RICHES (VS. 10–12)

Referring to finances/resources

10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and Withholding from the Lord is stealing what is already His one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, Spiritual blessings

who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not Not about amount; about stewarding we are stewards; not owners been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that

which is your own?

We like to think God is sovereign over everything in the universe—except our bank account.





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#### YOU CANNOT SERVE BOTH THE MESSIAH & MAMMON. VS. 13-15

No neutral ground w/ Jesus 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and Our relationship with money is wrapped up in love & service despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." 14 The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. 15 And he said to them, "You are those We can give lip service, but God knows our heart who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Matt. 6:21

Money enslaves through fear and greed. Christ liberates with joy and sufficiency.



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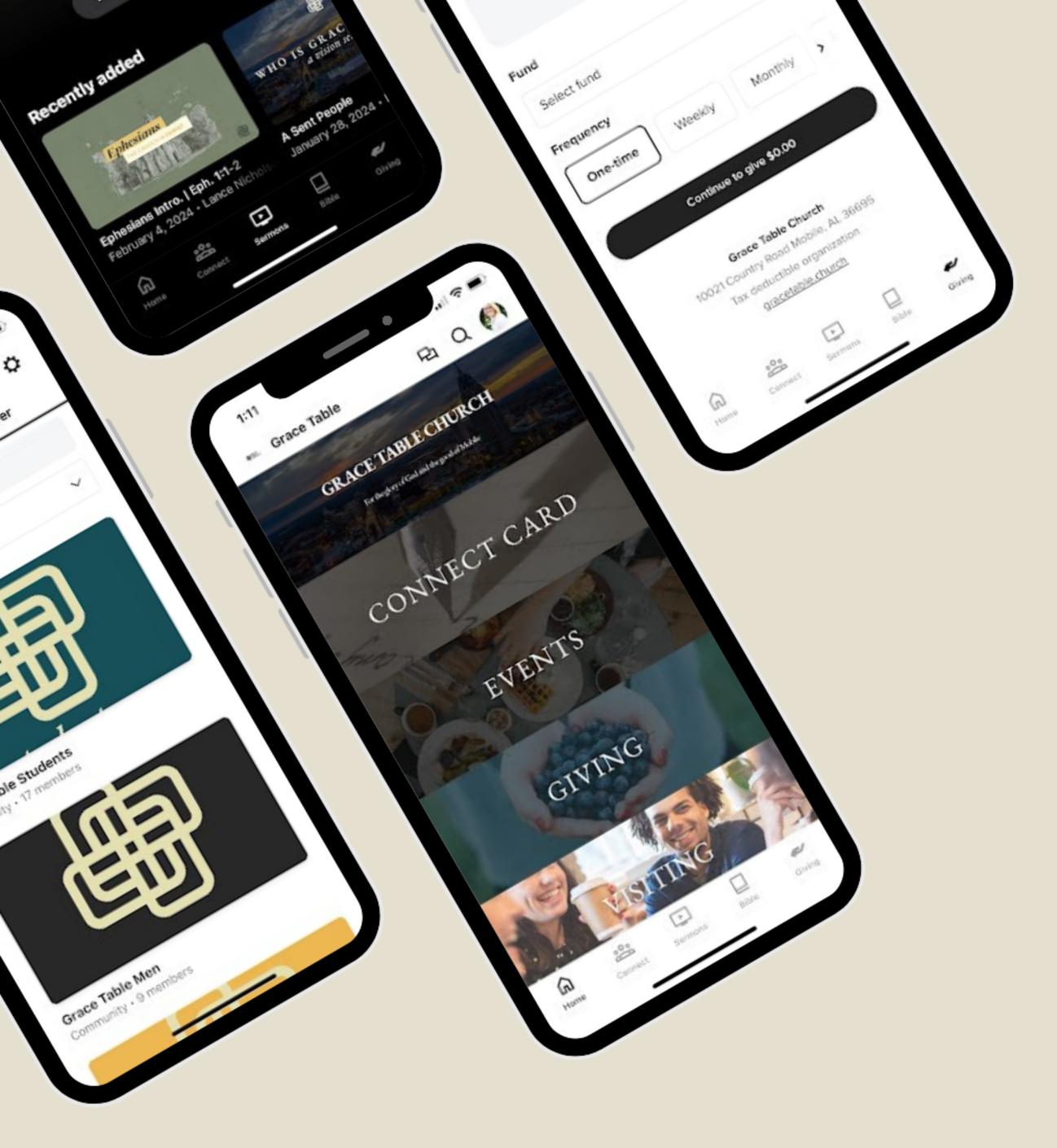












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#### Leader:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
-2 Corinthians 13:14

People:

And also with you.



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