



MY FINANCIAL HEALTH

“Transforming How I See & Use Money”

Luke 16:1-13

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“The Pharisees dearly loved money. So when they heard what Jesus said they made fun of him. But Jesus told them, ‘You’re always making yourselves look good but God sees what’s in your heart. The things that most people think are important are worthless as far as God is concerned.’”

Luke 16:14-15

WHAT *NOT* TO DO WITH MONEY

1. DON'T waste it

“The manager was accused of wasting his master’s possession.”

Luke 16:2

2. DON'T trust it

“No servant can serve two masters. 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 both God and money.” Luke 16:13

3. DON'T love it

“What am I going to do now? I’m losing my job...” Luke 16:3

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

4. DON'T expect it to satisfy

“Whoever loves money will never have enough, & whoever loves wealth will never be satisfied with his income” Ecclesiastes 5:10

"Guard against all kinds of greed because your life is not measured by how much you own." Luke 12:15

WHAT TO REMEMBER EVERYDAY

1. It all belongs to God

“...once there was a rich man (The Owner) who had a manager to take care of his business.” Luke 16:1a (NCV)

2. God uses money to test me

“I tell you, ‘use your worldly wealth!’ ” Luke 16:9a

✓ It shows what I love the most

"Don't store up treasure here on earth.... Instead, store your treasures in heaven... for wherever your treasure is, that's where your heart will be." Matt. 6:19- 21 (NLT)

✓ It shows what I really trust the most

“If you trust in your money, you will fall, but if you trust in God, you'll flourish like a green tree.” Proverbs 11:28 (NLT)

✓ It shows God can trust me

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?” Luke 16:10-12

3. Money is a tool

“The love of money is the root of all evil.” 1 Timothy 6:10 (KJV)

(Jesus says) “I tell you use your worldly wealth.” Luke 16:9

✓ He looked ahead

“What am I going to do now?” Luke 16:3

“The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won't face facts.” Proverbs 14:8 (LB)

✓ **He made a plan**

“He said ‘I know what I will do.’ Luke 16:4

“We should make plans-counting on God to direct us.”
Proverbs 16:9 (LB)

✓ **He acted quickly**

“I know what I’ll do so that when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.” Luke 16:4

4. The best use of money is to get people into heaven

Jesus: “I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, they will welcome you into your eternal dwelling.” Luke 16:9

5. One day I’ll give an account to God

“You must now give me an account of your stewardship and report what you’ve done with what I entrusted to you because your time as a manager is ending!” Luke 16:2

6. If I’m faithful with a little, God can trust me with more

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much. And whoever is dishonest with little will be dishonest with much.” Luke 16:10

“To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance.” Matthew 25:29 (NLT)

RESPONSE QUESTIONS:

1. What things (small or big) has God trusted you with? What would you like God to trust you with in the future? What can you change in the way you manage your possessions? What does God say will happen as a result?
2. What is the difference between treasures on earth and treasures in heaven? Share some examples of each, and what are some specific ways you can invest in heavenly things?
3. Why is money a tool to be used for God's purposes based on three things the manager did right? 1) he looked ahead; 2) he made a plan; and 3) he acted quickly. How is this counter-cultural to today's views on financial gain?
4. Why is it so difficult for us to become good stewards of the resources God has given us? In what ways, as transformed healthy financial managers, should we use temporary resources for permanent good?
5. One day God will ask each of us what we've done with what he's given us. How has this message changed the way you view money? What step can you take this week to make sure you're investing in eternity?