



1. Live _____ (vv.8-9)

Luke 16:1 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.' **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. (ESV)

2. Employ _____ (vv.4-7)

3. Realize _____ (vv.1-3)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 39:4-6** and **Matthew 6:25-34**. What are some of the connections you might draw between the brevity of life, one's view of money, and the sin of being anxious about not having enough?
2. Read **Proverbs 18:16** & **19:6**. While it is unfortunate that money and material things are so highly esteemed and play such a big role in the non-Christian's value system, how can you as a "shrewd Christian" strategically utilize the power of "unrighteous wealth" (cf. Lk.16:9) to build relational bridges for the advancement of the gospel?
3. Read **Luke 16:9** and **2 Peter 1:5-11**. Of course the most important "Friend" we must have to welcome us into the kingdom is our Creator and Redeemer. Are you sure you are at peace with him? How do you know that?
4. Read **Luke 16:9** and **Mark 5:18-19**. Who are some of the friends that need to give you a hearing about the mercy and forgiveness of Christ, so that they might repent and be there when you enter into "the eternal dwellings" (cf. Lk.16:10)? How will you judiciously seek to win a hearing with some of them soon?
5. Read **1 Timothy 6:17-19**. How might stinginess and penny-pinching in this life create loss and regret in the next?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

January 8th

Gen.20-22 & Mt.7

January 9th

Gen.23-24 & Mt.8

January 10th

Gen.25-26 & Mt.9:1-17

January 11th

Gen.27-28 & Mt.9:18-38

January 12th

Gen.29-30 & Mt.10:1-23

January 13th

Gen.31-32 & Mt.10:24-42

January 14th

Gen.33-35 & Mt.11

January 15th

Gen.36-37 & Mt.12:1-21

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 11-07 – **Excelling in Generosity**

Msg. 10-01 – **Reaching the World for Christ: What it Means & Where to Start**

Msg. 12-21 – **The Brevity of Life**

Msg. 10-29 – **Sacrificing for People We've Yet to Meet**

Msg. 13-15 – 13-20 – **Presenting Christ** (a six-part series)

Msg. 15-07 – 15-14 – **Your Role in the Harvest** (a six-part series)

Msg. 08-17 – 08-21 – **Gospel Crazy** (a five-part series)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#MoneyMatters

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

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Grudem, Wayne. **Business to the Glory of God: The Bible on the Moral Goodness of Business**. Crossway, 2003.

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Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. InterVarsity Press, 1984.

Nash, Ronald. **Poverty and Wealth: The Christian Debate Over Capitalism**. Crossway, 1986.

Pippert, Rebecca Manley. **Out of the Salt-Shaker**. InterVarsity Press, 1979.

Ryken, Philip. **Is Jesus the Only Way?** Crossway Books, 2000.

Smith, Christian. **Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money**. Oxford Press, 2008.

Sweeting, Donald. **How to Finish the Christian Life: Following Jesus in the Second Half**. Moody Press, 2012.

Wilson, Doug. **Joy at the End of the Tether: The Inscrutable Wisdom of Ecclesiastes**. Canon Press, 1999.

Zigarelli, Michael. **Faith at Work: Overcoming the Obstacles of Being Like Christ in the Workplace**. Moody Press, 2000.