

MEANS TO AN END

Luke 16:1-13

The best use of our **RESOURCES** is **KINGDOM** building (vv 8b-9)

Our ALLEGIANCE is shown by our **FAITHFULNESS** (vv 10-12)

MONEY is the **MEANS**. Serving **GOD** is the **END** (v 13)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

Stewardship is not the leaving of a tip on God's tablecloth; it is the confession of an unpayable debt at God's Calvary

-Paul S. Rees

1. Read Luke 16:1-8a. What does the manager do that is dishonest? What does he do to be commended by the rich man?
2. Read Luke 16:9. What does it mean to make friends using unrighteous wealth? How can you implement this in your own life? Think about your various spheres of influence. How does this relate to your eternal dwelling?
Jeremiah 29:7-10; Matthew 5:14-16
3. Read Luke 16:10-11. In what ways can you be more faithful with your time, talents, and/or treasure? How do you prioritize worldly wealth over heavenly wealth? What "little" thing do you grumble in?
Matthew 6:19-24
4. Read Luke 16:12 and Deuteronomy 8:10-20. Do you struggle in recognizing that all things are given to you by God? Where do you need to lay down your pride and recognize that you can be more faithful with things that are not your own?
5. Read Luke 16:13. What is the "end" that you are pursuing with your "means." Are you pursuing the things of the world, or service to God? How can you refocus your resources toward God better this week?



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