

Wellspring Covenant Church

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“Reinvest”

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Luke 16:1-13

1 Jesus told this story to his disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a manager handling his affairs. One day a report came that the manager was wasting his employer’s money.

2 So the employer called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? Get your report in order, because you are going to be fired.’ **3** “The manager thought to himself, ‘Now what? My boss is firing me. I don’t have the strength to dig ditches, and I’m too proud to beg. **4** Ah, I know how to ensure that I’ll have plenty of friends who will give me a home when I am fired.’

5 “So he invited each person who owed money to his employer to come and discuss the situation. He asked the first one, ‘How much do you owe him?’ **6** The man replied, ‘I owe him 800 gallons of olive oil.’ So the manager told him, ‘Take the bill and quickly change it to 400 gallons.’ **7** “And how much do you owe my employer?’ he asked the next man. ‘I owe him 1,000 bushels of wheat,’ was the reply. ‘Here,’ the manager said, ‘take the bill and change it to 800 bushels.’

8 “The rich man had to admire the dishonest rascal because he acted cleverly. And it is true that people who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. **9** I tell you, use worldly wealth to benefit others and make friends so that when it fails they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings.

10 “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. **11** And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? **12** And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? **13** “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”



Message Notes

In your money story:

- Let money _____ (not the other way around) vs. 4,8
- Direct your spending in ways that benefit others _____ vs. 9,10
- May your use of money prepare you for the _____ God has to _____ vs. 11

Reflection Questions

1. What is a small area of responsibility you feel called to be faithful in? What’s something larger you’d like to grow into?
2. Think of something that doesn’t belong to you that you have been entrusted with. How is it going?
3. Identify a few good things that money can’t buy. Might these be some examples of the “true riches” Jesus is talking about? What else might Jesus be talking about here?
4. How do you feel about utilizing (or re-investing) your money in ways that grow friendships & win people over to God? What are ways we can do this as a church?

Pray

If you can, practice holding your hands open to God in prayer as a symbol of being open to God’s invitations.

Take a deep breath in. As you exhale, release to God anything in your money story that holds tension, fear or shame. Take another deep breath in. As you exhale, remember your belovedness in God and God’s desire to give to you and God’s world. Breathe in and out, releasing and remembering as many times as needed.