

# **New Generosity: Honoring God With My Money! Renewed Pt. 7**

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### **Renewed: Living Life God's Way! Pt. 7**

#### **-Parable of the Shrewd Manager!**

**Luke 16:1-15**, *Jesus told His disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. 2 So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' 3 "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— 4 I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' 5 "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 "'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' 7 "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' 8 "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. 9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. 10 "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. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? 13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and*

money.” 14 *The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. 15 He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.*

### **Why Did Jesus Tell This Parable?**

#### **-He Loved To Shock The PHARISEES**

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#### **-To Teach His Followers About Wise MONEY MANAGEMENT**

**Luke 16:8**, *“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.*

### **What We Should “NOT” Do With Our Money:**

#### **-Don’t WASTE IT!**

**Luke 16:1**, *Jesus told His disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of **wasting his possessions**. 2 So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? **Give an account of your management**, because you cannot be manager any longer.’*

#### **-Don’t Trust It For Your SECURITY Or SATISFACTION**

**Luke 16:3**, *“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg...*

**Proverbs 23:5**, *Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.*

**Ecclesiastes 5:10**, *Whoever **loves money never has enough**; whoever **loves wealth is never satisfied with their income**.*

#### **-Don’t Love It Or LIVE FOR IT!**

**Luke 16:13**, *No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and money.***

**1 Timothy 6:10**, *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

**Luke 12:15**, *Then He said to them, “Watch out! **Be on your guard against all kinds of greed**; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”*

### **Five Lessons This Story Teaches About Money:**

#### **1. Remember It All BELONGS TO GOD**

**Luke 16:1**, *Jesus told His disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of **wasting his possessions.***

#### **2. I Need A Budget, A Plan And A Willingness To Change The BUDGET And PLAN**

**Luke 16:3**, *“The manager said to himself, ‘**What shall I do now?** My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— 4 **I know what I’ll do** so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ 5 **So he called in each one of his master’s debtors.** He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’*

**Proverbs 14:8**, *The wisdom of the prudent is to **give thought to their ways...***

#### **3. Remember One Day I’ll Give An ACCOUNT TO GOD**

**Luke 16:2**, *So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? **Give an account of your management...***

### **The Way I Spend My Money:**

#### **-Shows What I LOVE MOST**

**Matthew 6:19**, ***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.**

**-Shows What I TRULY TRUST**

**Proverbs 11:28,** *Those who **trust in their riches** will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.*

**-Shows If God Can TRUST ME**

**Luke 16:11,** *So **if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?** 12 **And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?***

**4. Money Is Best Used To Get OTHERS TO HEAVEN**

**Luke 16:9,** *"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.**"*

**Romans 14:12,** *So then, **each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.***

**5. If I'm Faithful With Little, God Can Trust Me WITH MORE**

**Luke 16:10,** *"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.*

**Action Steps:**

-Make Worship a priority during the Renewed Series: Saturday 5:00p, Sundays 9:30a & 11:00a, or Online at [www.cottonwoodcreek.org](http://www.cottonwoodcreek.org)

-Go by the Connect Wall and find a Life Group or Home Group to join for the Renewed Series.

-Read or listen the Pastor's Daily Devotional on social media FB: John Mark Caton or Instagram.

-Get the Renewed verse of the day by texting VERSE to 77978