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## **MONEY MATTERS**

### **LUKE 16:1-13 (NASB)**

**TRUTH:** Possessions, wealth, prestige and influence aren't goals in life but gifts from God to expand your influence for His kingdom.

#### **I. BIBLICAL MONEY SMARTS**

1. Don't squander it (v. 2). "This manager was reported to the rich man as squandering his possessions."
2. Don't idolize it (v. 13). "You cannot serve God and money."

**INSIGHT:** You can't have two #1's in your life!

3. Don't rely on it (v. 3). "What shall I do? I am losing my job!" Proverbs 23:5 (TEV)
4. Master it or be mastered by it (Ecclesiastes 5:10; Luke 12:15).

#### **II. HEAVEN'S TAKE ON MONEY**

1. Everything belongs to God (Luke 16:1).

**TRUTH:** All we have is God's and on loan to us to manage (Psalm 75:6 LB).

2. Money is an exam.

**INSIGHT:** God's blessings to me follow God's testing of me (Proverbs 11:28).

**TRUTH:** Where my money goes in prosperity shows if God can trust me (Luke 16:11-12).

**INSIGHT:** What God will give you is determined by what you're doing with what you have.

3. Money is an instrument for good (Luke 16:9).

**TRUTH:** The greatest use of your wealth is to help people meet Jesus.

**THREE THINGS THIS SHREWD, DISHONEST MANAGER DID THAT GOD ENDORSES:**

1. He looked ahead.
2. He made a plan.
3. He acted quickly.

**QUESTIONS TO TAKE WITH YOU TODAY:**

1. Does God have first place in your life?
2. Can God trust you with what He's given you?