



MESSAGE REVIEW

Like it or not, the topic of money is a subject that touches every single one of us. It flows into our lives and eventually flows right back out. But as it flows out, it does something to our hearts. How can we be assured we're serving God and not money? Jesus says it happens by recognizing that we aren't the owners of anything, but rather the managers of it.

WARM UP QUESTION

What is one of the best financial decisions you've ever made?

1 **Read Luke 16:1-4.** Describe the scene in these verses: Who are the main characters? What happens between them? How do you imagine the manager is feeling as you read verses 3-4? Have you ever been given a similar notice from an employer?

2 The truth of the parable is that one day we will also stand before our Creator and be asked to give an account. How does this hit you and how might you live differently if you lived in light of this truth daily?

3 **Read Luke 16:5-9.** How does the manager respond in light of his new reality and at whose expense? What does Jesus say is the meaning of His parable? What is He teaching about what we value?

4 **Read Luke 16:10-15.** What point is Jesus making with all of His "if, then" statements and questions in vv. 10-12? Have you ever fallen into the trap of believing you'll be happy or give more once you reach a certain level or income bracket? How might God be asking you to be faithful right now with what He's given you?

5 Have you ever experienced what it's like to try and serve two masters? What steps can you take this week to start viewing yourself as the manager of God's stuff rather than the owner? How would a deeper love and awe of Him help you to be more generous?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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