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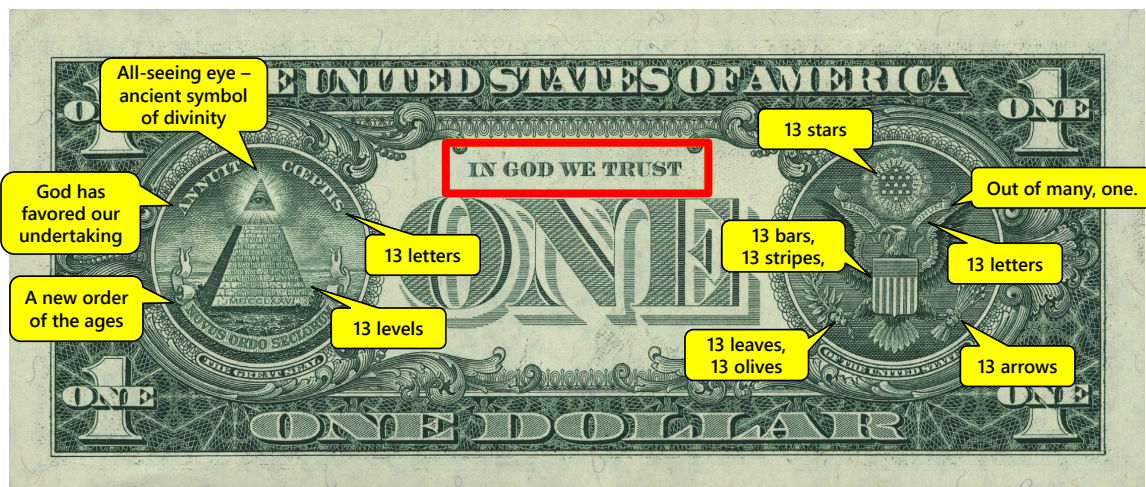
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE US DOLLAR



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IN WHOM DO YOU TRUST?

HANDLING MONEY
GENEROUSLY & FAITHFULLY

Luke 15:1-15

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Luke 16:1-15

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³ "Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do since my master is taking the management away from me? I'm not strong enough to dig; I'm ashamed to beg. ⁴ I know what I'll do so that when I'm removed from management, people will welcome me into their homes.'

⁵ "So he summoned each one of his master's debtors. 'How much do you owe my master?' he asked the first one.

⁶ "'A hundred measures of olive oil,' he said. "'Take your invoice,' he told him, 'sit down quickly, and write fifty.'

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⁸ "The master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this age are more shrewd than the children of light in dealing with their own people. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of worldly wealth so that when it fails, they may welcome you into eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and whoever is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much. ¹¹ So if you have not been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with what is genuine? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and scoffing at him. ¹⁵ And he told them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly admired by people is revolting in God's sight."

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To whom is Jesus speaking in this parable?

Who are the two main characters in this parable?

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What did the manager call upon him to do?

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What was the manager's dilemma?

What was his motive?

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This might be the inception of the "Friends & Family" discount plan!

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The equivalent of 3+ Years Salary

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8-10 Years of Salary

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What plan did the manager devise to secure his future?

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Be careful here;
Jesus is not condoning
dishonesty.

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Why did the manager praise him?

Essentially the manager said;
"Well, that's clever. That was shrewd."

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So, how does
Jesus want us to
use money?

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Jesus gives his followers two pointers to show them what is infinitely more shrewd and infinitely more wise than the actions of the deceitful manager.

1. The first pointer is "eternal" – disciples are to be more concerned with eternity rather than today.
2. The second pointer: "it fails" – wealthy is temporal and will not last.

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Jesus calls upon
us to be faithful
and trustworthy.

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What one word jumps off the page in this passage?

What main principle should govern the way we use our resources?

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Why is it impossible to serve two masters?

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How does God judge people according to Jesus?

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Three-Dimensional Stewardship



1. **Be Generous** (16:9)
2. **Be Faithful** (16:10-12)
3. **Serve God First** (16:13)



DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- No one can serve two masters – serving God means that the disciple will be filled with generosity and faithfulness.
- How would it go if the Master called upon you to give an accounting of the resources He has placed in your care?
- Has your generosity been focused on earthly gain or on eternal, kingdom impact?
- Have you been faithful and trustworthy in handling the resources God has entrusted to you?
- What can you do during this next week to become a better steward of the resources God has given you?