

## How To Be Faithful With Your Finances Partner—Week 3

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Luke 6:1-16 – <sup>1</sup>Now he said to the disciples: “There was a rich man who received an accusation that his manager was squandering his possessions. <sup>2</sup>So he called the manager in and asked, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be my manager.’ <sup>3</sup>“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. <sup>4</sup>I know what I’ll do so that when I’m removed from management, people will welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>“So he summoned each one of his master’s debtors. ‘How much do you owe my master?’ he asked the first one. <sup>6</sup>“A hundred measures of olive oil,’ he said. “‘Take your invoice,’ he told him, ‘sit down quickly, and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>“Next he asked another, ‘How much do you owe?’ “‘A hundred measures of wheat,’ he said. “‘Take your invoice,’ he told him, ‘and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>“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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and whoever is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much. <sup>11</sup>So if you have not been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with what is genuine? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and scoffing at him. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>“The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then, the good news of the kingdom of God has been proclaimed, and

I. How not to be faithful with your money:

A. Don't **waste** it. (Luke 16:2)

B. Don't **love** it. (Luke 16:13)

C. Don't **trust** it. (Luke 16:3)

Proverbs 23:5 – <sup>4</sup>Don't wear yourself out to get rich; because you know better, stop! <sup>5</sup>As soon as your eyes fly to it, it disappears, for it makes wings for itself and flies like an eagle to the sky. (CSB)

D. Don't expect it to **satisfy**.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 – The one who loves silver is never satisfied with silver, and whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with income. This too is futile. (CSB)

Luke 12:15 – He then told them, "Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because one's life is not in the abundance of his possessions. (CSB)

II. How to be totally faithful with your money:

A. Remember it all **belongs** to God. (Luke 16:1)

Psalm 24:1 – The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord (CSB)

B. How you use it **tests** your faithfulness. (Luke 16:2)

Matthew 6:19-21 – <sup>19</sup>"Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in

and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (CSB)

C. Your finances are a **resource** to be used by faith.

Luke 16:9a – Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. (NLT)

Luke 16:9b – Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. (NLT)

D. One day you will give an **account** to God. (Luke 16:2, 10)

Romans 14:12 – So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. (CSB)

Matthew 25:29 – To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. (NLT)

### Thought For The Week:

Faithfulness in **little ways** produces fruitfulness in **big ways**.

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