

## Lessons From A Shrewd Crook

### Luke 16:1-15

"He who provides for this life but takes no care for eternity  
is wise for a moment but a fool forever" - John Tillotson

#### 4 Statements About What Not To Do With Your Money:

[1] Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 16:1

[2] Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 16:3

[3] Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 16:3

[4] Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 12:15

#### 4 Things To Keep In Mind:

[1] It all \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 16:1 (Deuteronomy 8)

♦ We are not \_\_\_\_\_ we are \_\_\_\_\_ entrusted by  
God

[2] If I can't be trusted with money, I'll never be trusted  
with the \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 16:10-11

[3] Money is \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for God's purposes Luke  
16:9

♦ Use \_\_\_\_\_ to make \_\_\_\_\_ in  
people, not just increase our \_\_\_\_\_ here and  
now

♦ Our goal is not just to get to heaven, but to bring  
\_\_\_\_\_

[4] One day we will all be called to account for how we  
used the resources \_\_\_\_\_

"Money is a great servant but a terrible master."

This week we saw how important it is to God how we invest our money not only for our time here on earth, but also to "send it ahead" for eternity. The following questions address three perspectives that will either help or hinder our desire to put Jesus' investment advice into practice.

#### OWNERSHIP

How does understanding and applying the following verses help to put into action the principles and practices from this week's teaching?

**Deuteronomy 8:18; Psalm 24:1; 1 Chronicles 29:14-16**

At times, we all forget that what we have is God's, not ours. Can you think of any reasons you typically use to think it is all yours and not God's? What's your response to the fact that all you have is actually God's?

#### STRATEGY AND RETURN

A key part of investing is understanding the cost, and the return on investment. Write out the investment strategies and returns listed in the following verses.

**Proverbs 11:24; Proverbs 11:25-26; 2 Corinthians 9:6**

Which of these strategies is most important for you to remember and why? How important is it for you to keep the "return" in mind?

#### PASSION

Where we spend our time, what we talk about, and think about reveals the passions of our heart. Take a few minutes and identify where you spend your time and what you think and talk about. Then read Matthew 6:19-24. To what extent are your passions driven by or in competition with making eternal investments?

Explain the dichotomy between serving God and serving money. Why are they incompatible?

According to Jesus, what is the goal of wealth for a Christ-follower? How do eternal considerations affect your attitudes toward money and wealth?

What are some ways we can creatively use our material resources in the service of God's Kingdom?

*Pray that we might see God for who He is and value Him as our greatest treasure.*