

NOTES ON TODAY'S TOPIC.

Luke 16:1-15 Cash and the Christian (3) Glory



Principles

1. 'It's not what we've got, it's how we use it

v1 wasted; v2 Give an account

Key question: what defines you? (cf Lk 12:15)

2. Earthly treasure has a use by date, true riches are eternal

v3 time runs out; v8-9 Commended for shrewd decisions

Key question: what eternal investments have you made?

3. God is our master, money our servant

v13 You can't serve both

Key question: what rules you?

So what – it's how you see (v8)

1. See ourselves as investment managers not owners (v10-12)

- know what spend and cut out waste

2. See our possessions with eternity changing potential (v9)

- prioritise spending decisions

3. See the danger of looking to security and status outside God (v14-15)

- be willing to share anything we have

Practical steps and JC

1. Understand the current need and the big vision
2. Think through your long term investment
3. Think through your giving
4. Commit your giving for the next 6 months
5. Make a one off investment in JC

Questions for further thought in Life Groups this week.

1. What attitudes to money do people you know have? In the parable the manager turns from dishonest wasting of money to shrewdly using for lasting benefits. What cause him to change his attitude?

Read v10-12. Does us seeing we're God's investment managers make a difference to our attitude to money? Does seeing that we're not owners make a difference?

2. How can our use of money, possessions and time have an eternal impact?

3. In this series, what have you learnt to help you stop money being your master?

4. How can you practically spend money wisely, invest in eternity and share what you have willingly?

5. How can you get more involved in helping enable the vision of JC to grow in number happen?