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Transforming How I See and Use Money

SERIES: 50 Days of Transformation # 7
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Luke 16:1-13 ESV

WHAT NOT TO DO WITH MONEY

Don't waste it.

"There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions." (Luke 16:1)

Don't love it or love it more than God.

"No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." (Luke 16:13)

Don't trade it for something else.

"What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg" (Luke 16:3 (NIV))

"Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle." (Proverbs 23:5 (TEV))

Don't expect it to last forever.

"Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income." (Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV))

SIX THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND EVERYDAY

1. It all belongs to God.

"There was a rich man who had a manager." (16:1)

2. God is using money to bless me.

- **What I value most.**

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV))

- **What I trust.**

"Trust in your money and down you go! But the godly flourish like leaves in spring." (Proverbs 11:28 (NLT))

- **If I can be trusted by God.**

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" (Luke 16:11-12 NIV)

3. Money is a tool to be used for God's purposes.

"I tell you, use your worldly wealth..." (16:9a (NIV))

- **He looked ahead.**

"The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won't face facts." (Proverbs 14:8 (TLB))

- **He made a plan.**

"We should make plans—counting on God to direct us." (Proverbs 16:9 (TLB))

- **He acted quietly.** Vs. 5-6

4. Money's best use is to get people to help you.

"I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings." (Luke 16:9)

5. One day I will give an account to God.

"So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management..." (Luke 16:2 (NIV))

6. If I prove faithful, I'm trusted with more.

"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." (Matthew 25:29 (NLT))

