

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 16:1-14

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WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET? – PART 2

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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The Year was about 600 b.c. and the Mighty Babylonian

Despot Nebuchadnezzar, - ruler of the known world, looked out over his "empire" from his Palace Patio to one of the seven wonders of the world "Nebuchadnezzar's Hanging Gardens"

Daniel 4:29-31

At the end of the twelve months, he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. :30 The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" :31 While the word was *still* in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!

Daniel 4:17

"This decision *is* by the decree of **the watchers**,
And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that **the living may know**
That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men,

How I Wish This Message Could Be "Light"

and almost "Funny" Today,

It's because of the topic that Luke Chapter 16 Brings us, and Where We're at as a Nation This Morning that Greives us all. – There's Nothing Funny About it!

Do You Think for a Moment

that it's a **coincidence** that America is reeling from a series of **hurricanes** while at the same time Our **Schools** mock God and our **Judges** defy His laws?

Doctors kill babies, and America is in its worst **financial** crisis

in over 70 years...

“America, America, God Shed His Grace on Thee”

and why should He? - - America has Divorced God.

But Could This Time That We’re Going Through Right Now
be that the Lord is answering our prayers for America – for revival?

1 Timothy 6:7-11

For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. :8
And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. :9 But those who desire
to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts
which drown men in destruction and perdition. :10 For the love of money is a root of all
kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness and
pierced themselves through with many sorrows. :11 But you, O man of God, flee these
things and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.**

Jesus was not, is not and shall never be a Crowd Pleaser.

In Fact, Jesus was Always a Little Leery About What “Type” of Person was in
The Crowd. – He Loved Them, but He warned against the majority.

Matthew 7:13-14

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to
destruction, and there are many who go in by it. :14 Because narrow *is* the gate and
difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Jesus said that.

“One of The Greatest Hindrances to a Man getting to Heaven
was his love for money and what money can bring.

*(at this very moment that I’m speaking to you – politicians in Washington D.C. are Scrambling to
Cover their bases. While Corporate Leaders & Bankers in New York City are grasping their wallets.)*

and if that wasn’t enough of a concern,
America’s financial leaders are trembling at the thought that international investors will
remove their money from the u.s. economy...

In the Study that’s Before Us, Jesus Tells Us

The Truth, As Stinging as it Is, We Know It’s True!

Verse 13-14

“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” :14 Now the Pharisees, **who were lovers of “mam-mo-nas” money**, also heard all these things, and they **derided** Him.

mammwna[⊃] mammonas, Heb. **mam-mo-nas**; of Chaldeen/Babylonian origin (a personal, pagan god of affluence, wealth. the god of your confidence.

**It’s the issue of Money and “How We Use It”
That The Christian Would See Money as Tools and not as Dollars.**

Luke 16:1-14

He also said to His disciples: “There was a **certain rich man** who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. :2 So he called him and said to him, “What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ :3 “Then the steward said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. :4 I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’ :5 “So he called every one of his master’s debtors to *him*, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ :6 And he said, “A hundred measures of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ :7 Then he said to another, “And how much do you owe?’ So he said, “A hundred measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ :8 So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. :9 “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. :10 He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. :11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? :12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own? :13 “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” :14 Now the Pharisees, **who were lovers of money**, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.

WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET

1.) Will someday be accounted for vs. 1-2

1a.) Because we've all been given a purpose

1b.) Because we've all been given a trust

1c.) Because we've all been given a talent

WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET...

2.) Will someday repay you vs. 3-7

2a.) We're required to be current vs. 3

throughout life – be mindful to be resourceful.

“How Does or How Can this Thing glorify God”?
that should be our theme as Christians

2b.) We're required to be prophetic vs. 4

We're required to be prophetic with our lives = that means our
resources too

“Abraham would dig a well, Jacob would...”
(that's a prophetic investment)

Genesis 26:24

And the LORD appeared to Issac that same night and said, “I *am* the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I *am* with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake.” (*What do you do with that information?*) :25
So he built an **altar** there and called on the name of the LORD, and he **pitched** his tent there; and there Isaac's servants **dug a well**.

WILL SOMEDAY REPAY YOU

2c.) We're required to be creative

vs. 5-7

:5 “So he called every one of his master’s debtors to *him*, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ :6 And he said, “A hundred measures of oil.’ So, he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ :7 Then he said to another, “And how much do you owe?’ So, he said, “A hundred measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

there’s a sense of urgency here!

his resources are about to run out, so he goes about to “insure” himself against the day that he has nothing.

But as a Christian, what am I to Do?

The Lord requires of me to be **wise** with what he’s loaned to me
The Lord requires of me to be **faithful** with what he’s loaned to me
The Lord requires of me to be **creative** with what he’s loaned to me

“If the kingdom of God is a Reality to you.
then you’ll be investing in it. - because it’s where you’re going”

“Lord, Open my **Ears** and My **Eyes** and My **Hands** and My **Wallet**
to the things that you desire, that you require...

Your resources and Mine are running out – our
personal opportunities are passing!

a family should have a prayer altar
a bible altar. a family praise altar. a giving altar

WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET...

3.) Will someday reveal who your god really was vs.8-14

3a.) Are you looking ahead as you follow your God? vs.8

So, the master **commended** (understood his plan) the unjust steward because he had dealt **shrewdly**. *For the sons of this world are shrewder in their generation than the sons of light.*

shrewd

to be astute, cunning and ingénues. **to go about with a keen eye open to the opportunity.** to be thinking in advance. to be **proactively** watching.

Simply Put,

as Christians, we're to be on the offensive, advancing the things of God with great **expedition** and **industry**

What am I to give to God today? (life)

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift are from above, and comes down from the Father of lights,

1 Corinthians 4:7b

...what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive *it*, why do you boast as if you had not received *it*?

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

But this *I* say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **:7** *So let each one give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; **for God loves a cheerful giver**. **:8** And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **:20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **:21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

a man's spirituality can be seen by his generosity

- Reformer, Martin Luther

WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET?

WILL SOMEDAY REVEAL WHO YOUR GOD REALLY WAS

3b.) Are you doing all you can in service to your God? vs. 9-12

:9 "Now I say to you, make friends for yourselves by **unrighteous mammon**, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. :10 He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. :11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? :12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

it was as though he went to the bank
and exchanged **monetary currency** in for **spiritual opportunity**.

Verse 9

"Now I say to you, make **friends** for yourselves **by unrighteous mammon**,

the meaning is remarkable.

Jesus is Saying – If you have the resources to influence people by your money, do it to advance the kingdom's interest!

"If this wicked steward can think this up using money dedicated for personal wealth, how much more should a Christian be using his/her resources for heavenly things?"

whatever you have within your power, a car, an airplane, a house, an apartment, shoes, \$10, can be used to further the cause of Christ!

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Is What I “Steward Over” Available for God’s Use?

Verse 9

that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

This is Equally Remarkable.

“Jesus is Communicating that “When”

everything is gone and **when** time is no more, you will be well-off because anything and everything you’ve invested in getting The Word of The Kingdom Out, Will Pay Forever Dividends.”

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” Amen.

or

What This Church is doing to educate, feed and give Jesus to 100’s of Muslim Children every day in Mali, West Africa.

“REMEMBER, STOP SEEING DOLLARS AS MONEY,
RATHER SEE MONEY AS TOOLS.”

-JACK HIBBS

Romans 10:13-15

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. :14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? :15 And how shall they preach, **except they be sent?**

our everything, wealth and possessions
are to be used to secure eternal friends.

2 Samuel 24:24

...for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing.”

2 Chronicles 31:5-6

As soon as the commandment was circulated, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of grain and wine, oil and honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything. :6 And the children of Israel and Judah, who dwelt in the cities of Judah, brought the tithe of oxen and sheep; also, the tithe of holy things which were consecrated to the LORD their God they laid in heaps.

Philippians 4:11-12

I say this not because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the state. :12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in need.

Verse 10

He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much.
and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

See Our Wallets, Our Spending Habits, Our Accounts.
These Things are “Tell All’s”

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you shall have no other gods before me – exodus 20:3

A Christian’s Goal to Make Money

Should be Greater than Those of This World Because of What We’re Going to Do With it When we Get It...

WHAT’S IN YOUR WALLET?

WILL SOMEDAY REVEAL WHO YOUR GOD REALLY WAS

3c.) Are you in love with your God?

vs. 13-14

:13 “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will **hate** the one and **love** the other, or else he will be **loyal** to the one and **despise** the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” :14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they **derided** Him.

Deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your strength.

How can you tell if your god is money?

it's easy. try giving it to God or to someone else
and see how you feel about it.

does it make you happy or does it make you sick?

Verse 13a

“No servant can serve two masters.
for either he will **hate** the one and **love** the other,

if you **love** money,
then you will **hate** God and see Him as a threat and a thief.

Verse 13b

or else he will be **loyal** to the one and **despise** the other.
You cannot serve God and mammon.”

if you're **loyal** to money,
then you will **despise** God and refuse Him

Verse 14

Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money,
also heard all these things, and they **derided** Him.

derided a facial expression displaying scorn, hostility and anger
in which **the upper lip may be raised.**

What Are You in Love With? **LET'S LOOK IN YOUR WALLET**

are we looking at **money**
or milk for the poor?

are we looking at **bucks**
or burgers for hurricane relief?

are we looking at **cash**
or concrete for the school in Africa?

Mark 8:35-37

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. :**36** For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? :**37** Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET?

**Come Forward for Prayer
or to Receive Jesus Christ**

End of Study