

We have just come through Thanksgiving and now have entered preparations for Christmas. During these holidays, people tend to be more generous with their money and possessions. But this is not always the case throughout the year. The question we need to deal with today is “How am I handling what God has put me in charge of?” No matter how much you have or how little you have, what are you doing with it? Do you blow your money on things that does not support you? Or do you make your possessions work for you? Our Christmas Mission offering is coming up. Are you willing to support it or do you look at missions as a source that takes money away from you? In other words, you are unwilling to help others.

In Luke 16:1-13, Jesus deals with these questions as He talks with His disciples. Let's take a look at what He has to say.

Read vs. 1-13

The steward or manager pulled a sly, cunning, trick to make sure he would be taken care of after he was fired. He was able to insure he could survive in the end.

I would not recommend you handle your business dealings that way but Jesus does recommend we handle our spiritual matters in way that insures our eternal rewards.

What does this parable have to do with me?

Jesus said “If you can't manage what He has given you properly for God's kingdom sake, then how can He trust you with more?”

He also said, “If you manage what He has given you properly, then you will be given more to manage.”

Think about it for a moment. Would you trust someone with your business affairs if that person is known to mismanage or embezzle people's money? Of course not. The problem is that crooks are very sly and slick. They appear to be have a good plan but in the end you lose.

We would never trust someone like that would we?

Yet, each one of us are managers of God's possessions. He has given us homes, cars, jobs, money, family, and things to take care of for HIM. What do we do with His stuff?

A bigger question is what we do with the mysteries of God. Salvation, eternal life, living a Godly/holy life.

Are we known to be faithful with a little or unfaithful?

As we come into the Christmas season and then on into the next year, are we going to take every advantage of laying up treasures in heaven? **Matthew 6:19-21**

What counts for you to survive eternity? Is salvation all there is to eternal life?

No, it only the beginning of eternity with Christ. God has a whole life plan for you here on earth. We are to deal with people in a way that will lead them to see Jesus in you.

Everything you say and do reflects your commitment to manage God's stuff or not. How do you measure up?