

46 – Luke 16:1-15 - The Shrewd manager**A (possibly) confusing parable**

Luke 16:1. A rich man employs a manager to run his estate.

... the bloke he employed to manage his estate squandered his master's wealth.

With his future looking rather grim he has a bright idea.

He quickly calls in the master's debtors and gives them huge discounts on their bill.

Luke 16:8 – the rich man commended his dishonest manger.

... entirely unnecessary speculation because it is completely irrelevant for understanding the point Jesus is making in the parable.

Applying the parable

... v 9, Jesus goes on to say that people who follow God should use their worldly wealth to gain friends for themselves with eternity in mind.

Use your money for gospel purposes.

Start now**Convert your Aussie Dollars to the currency of heaven**

The currency of heaven is saved lives.

A massive warning!

Luke 16:13 - "No servant can serve two masters. 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 both God and money."

It is OK to be rich

Is money your master?

An unnerving reaction

Luke 16:14 – they love money and so they sneer at Jesus

3 questions to think about that the parable raises.

1) Do I use my wealth with eternity in mind

- 2) **Do I have a generous heart no matter how much I have**
- 3) **Do I serve my wealth or do I use it to serve God and rescue the lost – call people into his kingdom**

Some habits that are good to practice regarding your money.

- **Practice saying NO to a consumable and YES to a kingdom opportunity**
- **Practice and plan how to use worldly wealth for gospel purposes**
- **Model it in your family**
- **Invest richly and generously in the eternal health of people**
- **Ensure the groups you support have clear gospel intentions**
- **Clearly and intentionally support gospel focussed ministry – CMS, ES, Langham, BCA, BCSA**
- **Use your wealth to building bridges with those who do not yet know Jesus**
- **Look forward to your reward in heaven**