

“God And Money”

Jesus Instructs Us How To Handle Money Before God

Luke 16:1-17

Today we meet a wily steward sneakily planning his getaway from his Master after “wasting his possessions” (v 1). Jesus commends planning but also clarifies why ethical standards matter for the “sons of light.” Servants of the One God ought never have or serve “other gods *before* Him” – that is, in his presence. Understand the pressures on those who would pursue money (Greek *mammon* in v 11 and 13). Jesus presents ethical principles that will serve us well amidst the financial uncertainties of our time.

I. **Live in the _____ and prepare for the _____!** (v 1-9)

II. **Be faithful in the _____ things. Do not be _____!** (v 10)

III. **Connect financial _____ and _____ leadership!** (v 11-12)

IV. **We may never _____ money or the possessions they procure!** (v 13)

V. **Beware of money becoming _____!** (v 14-17)