

Planning Ahead

Luke 16:1-8

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How you handle your money is a **spiritual issue** - your bank and credit card statements are **spiritual documents** and they tell how good of a steward you are.

1. Lessons from a wise guy about **temporary investments**. V.1-8
 - a. Never assume that your stewardship **equals ownership** (v.1).
 - b. Always remember that there will be **an accounting** (v.2).
 - c. Live each day **on earth** with an eye on eternity (v.3-7).
 - d. Wise guys of this world sadly know the ropes of their system better than most Christians know **kingdom ways** (v.8).
 2. Directives from a wise Lord about **eternal investments**. (v.9-13)
 - a. Employ wealth for **eternal purposes** (v.9)
 - b. Employ wealth faithfully so that you will receive the **true riches** of knowledge, understanding and kingdom usefulness (v.10).
 - i. Stewardship of money and possessions **is a test**.
 - ii. Stewardship is measured from the lesser **to the greater**.
 - iii. The measure of all stewards is **faithfulness**.
 - c. Employ worldly wealth as a servant not as a **master**.
 3. Declarations by Jesus about **any** worthless religious show (v.14-18) About the religious but lost:
 - a. You are self-righteous and you only perform to be **seen by people** (v.15).
 - b. You are missing your opportunity to **repent** (v.16).
 - c. You apply the law **selectively** (v.17-18)
- Believer, **be wise** about money; Invest for eternity.
 - Believers **beware** about the love of money; it will take over your heart and rob you of kingdom usefulness.
 - Unbeliever, (religious or not) **be quick**. Don't miss your opportunity to come to Jesus by faith. You cannot make yourself presentable to God. Only He can make you worthy.