



Sermon Notes: Money as Servant or Master

Principle #1 - Use your resources to invest in the future you claim to believe in.

Principle #2 - Use your resources in ways that are faithful to the priorities mapped out in God's Word.

Principle #3 - Use your resources as tools to serve your true master, Jesus Christ.



Application Questions: Money as Servant or Master

1. What did you do this week to connect with your "one" in a grace-giving way?
2. What were your first impressions when you heard the parable of the dishonest manager? How did you feel about the master's commendation?
3. What are some things "the sons of this age" (v. 8) are living for? What are some ways you observe our culture using money (ethically or unethically) to achieve these goals?
4. What are some things "the sons of light" (v. 8) are called to live for? What are some ways you observe Christians using money to achieve these goals?
5. Comparing #3 and #4 – and to the point of *verse 8* – why do you think non-Christians are often more effective at using money to pursue their goals than Christians are?
6. What are some basic things the Bible says we're supposed to do with money? Discuss how these are generally not extraordinary, one-time acts but are simple, consistent habits.
7. What are some ways people serve money (effectively allowing money to have control over them)? What freedoms do we lose by having money as our master?
8. List some things that you give to effortlessly and happily. List some things that it's harder and more painful to put your money toward. Why do you suppose you feel this way about your two lists?
9. Practically, what happens to your heart when you try to serve God without giving up your love for money, materialism, and consumption?
10. Brainstorm a bunch of ways Christians could use money to achieve the goals you listed under #4. Then reflect on your list. What are some habits you need to change immediately? What's one thing you'll do this week to put your money to work for the sake of eternity?