

Invest Wisely

Luke 16:1-13

“Make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it is all gone, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings. The one who is faithful in a very little thing is also faithful in much; and the one who is unrighteous in a very little thing is also unrighteous in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true wealth to you? And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?” (Luke 16:9-12, NASB)

Jesus often uses hyperbole,
that is, obvious and intentional exaggeration,
to make a point.

Here He asks us to imagine
the least admirable of all financial managers:
one who cheats his client...
and gets caught.

Even such a sleazy crook gets some admiration
if he is smart enough to
use what he controls only temporarily
for long-term gain.

Jesus urges us to do the same.
Money and all material goods
are on temporary loan to us
from the Creator and Lord of all.
We can take none of them out of this life.
Very shortly, they will all be gone.
That is absolutely certain.

Be wise!
Invest these short-term resources in
true wealth
that will be your own and
will last forever.

What is that wealth?
God is offering us the riches of **being** –
the deep, holy, joyful, everlasting life of
Jesus Christ Himself.

Hymn: [Take These Goods I Cannot Keep](#)