

Where The Smart Money Goes

Luke 16:1-15

A strange parable

The master commended the servant because he didn't really have any other option.

Jesus makes three applications from this story. Manage well; Invest well; and Know who's boss.

Invest well

Jesus' advice on where the smart money goes: *"Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings."*

Smart money is invested in people in such a way that it has eternal consequences in their lives.

One day all the money and houses and cars will be gone, and the only thing that will remain is people. That's where the smart money goes.

Manage well

¹⁰ *"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."*

In Jesus' eyes "worldly wealth" – your cash, your pension plan, your house, your car – are "very little" when compared to "true riches."

Are you managing your resources in a way that reflects God's kingdom and his values?

Know who's boss

"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."

"Money" = "Mammon" = anything that can be stored up and that you put your trust in.

What Jesus is saying is you will either trust God, and serve him with your property, or you will trust the property and serve it. It's important to know who's boss or you will get things backwards.

Take away

If we live by these principles we shouldn't have any problem funding the ministries of this church this year. God will be free to bless us abundantly with all we need, because he'll be able to trust us with whatever he gives us.