



# STUDY GUIDE

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### [start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:  
Cleveland Pregnancy Center

### [set up]

Share about a time when fear or desperation impacted how you used your money and resources.

### [digging deeper]

This last weekend we looked at one of the most challenging parables that Jesus ever used in His teaching. Look up and read/review this parable in **Luke 16:1-13**.

- What made sense to you?
- What confused you?
- Can you relate at all to anything Jesus shared in this parable?

To clarify, it was the manager's shrewdness that was being praised by the master, not his dishonesty. In light of that, what comparison did Jesus make between the sons of the world and the sons of light and who are those titles referring to?

How have you seen this to be true in your experience? Can you share a couple examples (actual or hypothetical)?

When Jesus says what He says in verse 9, what *does* He mean and what *doesn't* He mean?

Take 3 minutes and brainstorm all the ways we can use our money/wealth to invest in God's kingdom (use a large Post-it if you have one). Now look at the list you built and put a star next to two of the ways you invest in God's kingdom that bring you the most joy. Underline one that is difficult for you.

If you need to get additional help in understanding this parable, here's a brief post that can help:

<https://ca.thegospelcoalition.org/columns/ad-fontes/jesus-commend-dishonest-manager/>

Jesus moves from story to additional application in Luke 16:10-13, some of the most well-known verses on money, which Jesus spoke about often by the way.

How have you seen the principle Jesus speaks of in verses 10-12 to be true? Do you have an example from your own life? Remember, vulnerability is contagious and healthy!

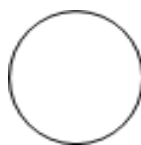
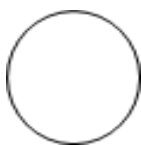
In regards to verse 13, why do you think money presents such tough competition for our heart's desire to serve God? Share some tips and advice in what you have done to help keep Christ first above money (unless you are struggling in this area, then feel free to share the need for advice and prayer requests).

## **[living it out]**

From the program this week and the message, we were challenged to illustrate through a pie chart how much of the money God has given us we use on eternal investments and how much for ourselves. Write down your estimation of each category and then color it in with the first pie chart. In the second pie chart, draw your percentages again, but this time add a dotted line to what you think God might want you to start doing.

Kingdom investment \_\_\_\_%

Self-use \_\_\_\_%



What is one action step you can take to get to that place? How can the list you brainstormed earlier help you?

If you would like to explore this area of devotion in your discipleship further, or you have struggles or challenges that are preventing you from being where you want to be to live more shrewdly, generously, and faithfully for the Lord in your finances, we have a free ministry at CVC that can greatly help called "Generous Life." They offer one-on-one financial coaching and various financial workshops and planning workshops (budgeting, financial planning, college financial planning, estate planning, etc.). Here's the contact information to find out more and a link to the next workshop:

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[www.cvconline.org/generouslife](http://www.cvconline.org/generouslife)

## **[praying it up]**

Pray over the content of this study. Start by reading and praying out of Luke 16:13 and see where the Lord takes your prayer time as you pray for yourself, your family, your LifeGroup, and our church on this topic.