



Small Group Discussion Guide

March 19, 2017

Sermon Title:

"Managing Life: Money"

Sermon Text: Luke 16:1-14

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 22:1-9

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

Getting Started: What is the first job for which you earned money? How much were you paid? (hourly or by the job?) Did you start a savings account?

Discussion:

1. Read through the scripture text. Why do you think this is called "The Parable of the Shrewd Manager"?
2. What news was the manager given by the rich man who employed him? (**Vs. 1**) What did the rich man ask of him as he shared this news?
3. To whom did the manager go after being told he was going to be removed from his job and what did he do?
4. What was the change in accounting that was made in each of the illustrations? Why do you think the manager did this? Are we given any idea what was behind his thinking?
5. What was the reaction of the rich man when he made this discovery? (**Vs. 8**) Why would the rich man appreciate the shrewdness of the manager? As the Pastor said, "A player got played." What does this mean?
6. What are some life lessons we might learn from this parable?
 - *Our character is revealed in how we manage money.
(**Reference: Malachi 3:10**) Here is one of the clearest commands to tithe in scripture.
 - *Our ability is reflected in how we invest or use money. (**Reference: Matthew 25:14-28**)
 - *Our devotion to God is renewed by keeping a proper perspective on money. (**Vs. 13**)
(**Reference: 1 Timothy 6:10**)
7. (**Reference: Proverbs 3:9**) For what are we to use our money?

8. In his book "Simplicity", Adam Hamilton lists 6 ways to practice good money management:

1. Give your tithe and offering first
2. Create a budget and track your expenses
3. Simplify your lifestyle (live beneath your means)
4. Establish an emergency fund
5. Pay off credit cards and use cash on most purchases
6. Practice good savings and investing

Closing: Close by *praying for each other. Go **SHARE JESUS . . . in Service!***