

WHAT'S THE VALUE OF MONEY?

What Did Jesus Mean? – Part 2

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Luke 16:1-8a (NIV) “*Jesus told His disciples: ‘There was a rich man whose **manager was accused of wasting his possessions.**’² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? **Give an account of your management,** because you cannot be manager any longer.’*”

³ *The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg--’⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’⁵ So he called in each one of his **master’s debtors.** He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’⁶ ‘Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.*

*The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and **make it four hundred.**’⁷ Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. He told him, ‘Take your bill and **make it eight hundred.**’⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly.”*

FIVE PRINCIPLES ABOUT POSSESSIONS...

1. THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

Luke 16:8b (NIV) “*For the **people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.**”*

Matthew 10:16 (NIV) “*I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore **be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.**”*

What Was Shrewd About This Man’s Actions?

- He acted _____.
- He used what he had to his _____.
- He acted _____.
- He _____ his customers.

2. THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

Luke 16:9 (NIV) *“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”*

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV) *“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”*

3. THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

Luke 16:10 (NIV) *“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.”*

4. THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

Luke 16:11 (NIV) *“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?”*

5. THE PRINCIPLE OF _____

Luke 16:13 (NIV) *“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.”*

Luke 16:14-15 (NIV) *“The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.¹⁵ He said to them, ‘You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God’s sight.’”*

Possible Attitudes Toward Money...

- You can _____ money.
- You can _____ money.
- You can _____ about money.
- You can _____ money.