

For the Love of Money
Luke 16:1-13

Let temporal things serve your use, but the eternal be the object of your desire.
-Thomas Kempis

1. For the love of _____ – (vv. 1-8)
 - a. Money and management – (vv. 1-2)
 - b. Money and manipulation – (vv. 3-7)
 - c. Money and motivations – (v. 8)

2. For the love of _____ – (vv. 9-13)
 - a. Be wise – (v. 9)
 - b. Be faithful – (vv. 10-12)
 - c. Be focused – (v.13)

To Go

1. **Love God Passionately** - Read Matthew 6:19-24. Which treasure chest has more deposits?
2. **Love Others intentionally** - Go on a purchasing fast for one week (ex. Amazon). Use the time you would have spent buying things by loving on others instead.
3. **Serve the World Sacrificially** – Luke 16:9: “Here’s the lesson: *Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends.* Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.” (NLT)

At Home Study Guide

For the week of March 11, 2018

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*Bethel's Mission is described simply as **Love God – Love Others – Serve the World**. These phrases are the basis for our Vision and Values. As you consider the passage this week, look at it through the lens of our Mission/Vision/Values and allow it to clarify what you believe and guide how you live.*

This is a very difficult parable to understand. The manager in the parable was not dishonestly changing the amount of the bill in vv. 5-7. The amount taken off the bills of the debt owed represented the interest the manager himself was charging. The manager was wise in endearing himself to the debtors by not charging them interest.

Christians are sons of light (v. 8), we don't belong to this generation. But we should still handle riches and resources well. How can you handle your wealth more wisely?

Christians are called to be faithful, good stewards, and to use their riches as a tool and a testimony. How can you better use your wealth as a tool to advance the kingdom, and as a testimony to your love for God?

Verse 13 points out a different kind of service: we can serve God or money in the same way, by positioning ourselves to receive as much benefit from them as possible. If money is your god, you will make every decision with the idea of having as much money as possible. If Jesus is your Lord, how can you trust him and not money to provide for you?