

Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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What view of life are you most afraid of God interrupting? For most men, it's possessions ...

When you see as God sees, you'll do as God does. We tell the kids, "Because I said so," but hope someday they will see it like we do.

Money is a Spiritual Issue (You can't separate the two)

1 Chronicles 29:11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, you are exalted as heave over all.

Luke 16: 1-14:

1 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 " 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'"

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.

This guy and a little bit of time and a little bit of opportunity and he used it wisely.

The story is over.

For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. The people who think there is nothing beyond this life are better at using what they have for their benefit than people who believe there is a life to come who use it for the benefit of eternity.

9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. When this life is over, there will be people who welcome you into eternity because of the way you used your possessions or said another way, use what you have to bring people to God.

Use worldly temporary wealth

1. Use your things to build up the kingdom
2. This principle will make you evaluate your stuff to see what you need and don't need
3. By using it this way, your stuff has eternal significance
4. Don't just give it away, put it in circulation for the kingdom – there is no joy in consumption or even collection

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. Sounds like a fortune cookie!

Test Our stuff is a test to see if we are trustworthy

Everyone has a little bit.....compared to God everyone has little.....everyone's little bit is temporary...what are gonna do with it?

11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 and if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

13 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will have the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

TRADEMARK (a brand) It tells who you are serving.

God's main competition for your heart is your stuff

14 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 others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.

Some may push back from this ... and think now, I'll never get a new truck...etc.

We have a limited amount of time and a limited amount of opportunity.

When you get to the end of your life, you will not wish you have given less and spent more.

Most everyone runs out of time before they run out of money.....