

# For What is Money?

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 16:1-13.

B. The parable of the dishonest steward shows how practical Jesus was.

## II. The dishonest steward has a good deal to teach the believer with regard to investment.

A. The believer is to imitate the steward in his prudence.

1. Our material resources should be invested in heavenly things.
2. The only thing that a person can take from this life to the next is friends--if one is wise, he will use his money on his friends.
3. Close spiritual ties in this life survive death.
4. Money is amoral, and it is to be used for eternal good.
5. Money should be used to win others to Christ and to oneself (one cannot win another to Christ without winning him to himself also).
6. The purpose of money is to enrich a certain future.

B. The one who is faithful in a little is faithful in much just as the one who is faithless in a little is faithless in much.

1. The little things Jesus speaks of are the material realities.
2. The great things that Jesus speaks of are the spiritual realities.
3. If the man does not give materially as a Christian, then he also is not living as a Christian.
4. A learning experience is implied in this. We sometimes need to start our obedience at a lesser level.
5. One cannot serve God and money.

## Application questions:

1. When has God given you more responsibility in light of smaller responsibilities with which you were faithful? Explain.

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2. How have you invested your money in your friends? How can you invest more?

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3. How would you respond to a believer who only spends money on himself? Explain.

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