

**Sermon Text:** Luke 16:1-12**Sermon Title:** Unrighteous Wealth**Main Idea:**

Once again we are talking about the importance of using resources wisely in light of God's kingdom. In this text we see Jesus challenging His followers to manage their wealth and resources not for selfish accumulation but to foster relationships that will last eternally. Unrighteous wealth should be strategically used to serve others, especially the marginalized, reflecting God's generosity and eternal priorities. This stewardship of resources reflects both faith and wise preparation for eternal accountability.

**Discussion Questions**

1. What are some things that make this section in Luke difficult?
2. What does the term "unrighteous wealth" mean in this passage, and why does Jesus use it?
3. What are some possible ways our own money could be called unrighteous?
4. Why would someone like a tax collector or a Pharisee or Theophilus have to think hard about their relationship with money in light of what Jesus had been saying about the kingdom?
5. How does Jesus' challenging statement in Luke 14:33 set the stage for the instruction here in Luke 16?
6. How does the parable of the prodigal son illuminate the lessons of the dishonest manager?
7. What is the main thing Jesus is saying about how to use unrighteous wealth from the parable of the dishonest manager?
8. How does Jesus' teaching throughout Luke challenge cultural norms about what it means to be wise with one's financial resources?
9. What's the principle we can draw from Jesus' explanation about being wise with money?
10. In what ways can Christians today "make friends" through their use of money, as Jesus describes?
11. Who are some people we should use our resources to make friends with according to the gospel of Luke?
12. What are the "mind-shifts" that need to take place to incorporate the lessons from this passage into our every day lives?

**Sermon Notes:** This is a place you can record your own notes and thoughts as you listen to the message today so that you can think about them later.