

Sermon Text: Luke 16:10-12

Sermon Title: Maximizing Money

Main Idea:

Jesus teaches his followers the difference the arrival of the kingdom of God should make on the way they view money. Specifically, he wants them to understand they are stewards of the resources God's given them not owners. The most important question then about their relationship with money is not whether they are rich or poor, but whether or not they are being a faithful manager of the resources God has entrusted to them.

Key Themes:

- How a person handles what they have now is indicative of their faithfulness and character, and has eternal consequences.
- The importance of aligning one's priorities (glorifying God, loving others, and advancing the gospel) with God's purposes for wealth.
- The connection between how we use money and eternity.
- Viewing resources not as possessions but as tools entrusted by God for His purposes.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be a steward of God's resources?
2. How do cultural perceptions of wealth influence our understanding of our own financial situations?
3. In what ways can viewing ourselves as managers rather than owners change our approach to spending and saving?
4. Why is the theme of this section such a significant topic? How does Luke indicate its importance?
5. How can the way we use money demonstrate our trust in God's provision?
6. What are some practical steps we can take to ensure we are managing our resources in a way that honors God?
7. How can we evaluate whether we are managing God's resources faithfully?
8. How can we reconcile the idea of being financially responsible while also being generous?
9. What connection is there between the way we handle money and eternity?
10. What role do you think budgeting and planning play in faithful stewardship? Reflecting on your own life, how has your attitude toward money shaped your spiritual growth and relationship with God?

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.