

**“You Cannot Serve God & Money”**

*Sermon Notes*

- **In light of the coming eternal Kingdom, *live shrewdly***

Act before it's too late!!! (16:1-8)

Jesus commends three practices for how to live shrewdly today:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ give of your money (16:9)  
because a day is coming when you will \_\_\_\_\_ an  
eternal home
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ steward all things (16:10-12)  
because a day is coming when you will \_\_\_\_\_  
spiritual riches
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ choose your Master (16:13)  
because a day is coming when God will \_\_\_\_\_ for  
whom you really love

**MEFC Community Group Study Questions**  
For the week of July 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

**Open Your Bible to Luke 16:1-17...**

1. In the lesson of the parable (16:1-8), what is the manager commended for? Does the rich man/master (and Jesus) commend his *dishonest* actions or his *shrewd* actions? Why and why not?
2. As you look to the "sons of this world" what lessons might you, as "sons of light", have to learn from them? Common grace suggests that even unbelievers can still do good things (albeit from a broken heart).
3. Jesus foresees the coming of an eternal Kingdom. True riches in that age will be spiritual, not monetary. Paul says in Ephesians 2:4-7, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus". What other passages in Scripture inform your understanding of the riches of the age to come? Describe these coming riches.
4. In 16:9, what does it mean to "make friends by means of unrighteous wealth"? What does it look like to be generous with your money?
5. Pick one area where you would like to grow as a faithful steward. How do you struggle? What is difficult? Is there sin involved? How would repentance and faith, working itself out through love for God and neighbor, transform this area of stewardship?
6. What modern-day practices and signs might evidence that we are "lovers of money"?
7. How might we use money to justify ourselves in the sight of others?
8. What aspect of the good news of the kingdom of God do you need to eagerly embrace by faith at this time?