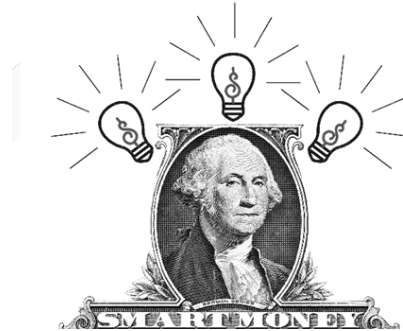




# Asbury Church

October 13, 2019  
Sermon Notes  
“The Heart of the Matter”  
Luke 16:1-13



**I. Introduction**

- A. Jesus said more about \_\_\_\_\_ than heaven.
- B. Using money as a means to an end is what makes money \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Parable of the Shrewd Manager**

- A. The money manager was \_\_\_\_\_ for taking full advantage of his limited time and his limited opportunity.
- B. According to Jesus, money is a \_\_\_\_\_ to an end that goes beyond us.
- C. How can I leverage more of what I have for the benefit of someone other than \_\_\_\_\_?
  - 1) You should decide ahead of time what percentage of your income you're going to live on. (Give, Save, Live).
  - 2) You decide to hoard your stuff.

**III. Return on investment**

- A. According to Jesus, money is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. We are managers, not \_\_\_\_\_ of our resources.
- C. Question: If being a means to an end is what gives your life \_\_\_\_\_ and purpose, to what ends do you want your life to be a means?

**Things I would like to remember about this message:**

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# Asbury Daily Study Guide

## INTRODUCTION

You might be surprised to find out that Jesus actually said more about money than heaven. What he said is the best financial advice you will ever receive if you want to find financial peace and add meaning to your life. Does our money add meaning to our lives or is it the meaning of our lives?

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### Monday: Mark 12:41-44

Jesus said that most people gave out of their wealth, their extra, but the poor widow gave out of her poverty and put in everything, all she had to live on. Are you a percentage giver or dollar amount giver? Based upon this passage what do you think God is more concerned with?

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### Tuesday: Malachi 3:7-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7

What choices are you currently making with respect to your giving? What changes, if any, do you believe God is calling you to make in your giving patterns? Make plans to carry out any changes you believe God wants you to make.

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### Wednesday: Luke 16:1-13

- 1) In one sentence, try to clarify what Jesus was challenging his listeners to do.
  - 2) In verse 11, Jesus contrasts worldly wealth with true riches. What do you think are the “true riches” Jesus refers to? Are you currently being entrusted with any true riches?
  - 3) If it’s true that no one can serve both God and money, what are the differences between the person who serves money and the person who serves God?
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### Thursday: Proverbs 11:23-28

The Hebrew sages who wrote and collected these proverbs were gripped by the quest for “wisdom.” But they saw clearly that what seems like “wisdom” to our human minds can differ dramatically from the true wisdom about life that comes from God. We can find peace with our finances when we learn to give first, save second, and consume the rest. What are some obstacles that keep you from doing this?

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### Friday: Luke 12:13-21

In this parable Jesus is warning us against greed. During the message, Pastor Eric said we should make sure we are not hoarding our stuff. You can be completely out of debt and have money in the bank but you can still have an unhealthy relationship with your money. Do you agree that you can be financially responsible but still have an unhealthy relationship with money? Why or why not?

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## MOVING FORWARD

If you choose to live for yourself, you’ll only have yourself to show for it. This week, spend some time wrestling with one thing that breaks your heart—something that perhaps you can be a means to helping. What step can you take to move in that direction?

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Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) money, B) meaningful.
- ILIA) commended, B) means, C) me.
- ILIA) test, B) owners, C) meaning.