

MONEY MATTERS

(How to Make Your Money Count for Now and Forever)

SERVANT OR MASTER?

Luke 16:1-14 Jeff Schreve

"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [wealth]." Luke 16:13

Is money your servant or your master?

1. Money is an interesting thing.

A. Money is amoral.

B. Money is a must.

... and many others who were contributing to their support [Jesus and His disciples] out of their private means. Luke 8:3

C. Money is a major temptation.

"Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." Luke 12:15

But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang. 1 Timothy 6:9-10

2. Money is a revealing thing.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Luke 12:34

A. It reveals your heart.

B. It reveals your true master.

Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they were scoffing at Him. Luke 16:14

C. It has nothing to do with abundance.

"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in

much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.” Luke 16:10

3. Money can be used as an eternal thing.

A. We can use our money to make eternal friends.

B. We can use our money to gain eternal riches.

If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you? And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? Luke 16:12-13

Will you invest your treasure in the Kingdom of God?