

Foundations for Victory

Finances:
Luke 16:1-14



hope central

Your way?

Proverbs 1:15, “my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths...”



Your way?

**Proverbs 12:15, “The way
of a fool is right in his own
eyes, but a wise man listens
to advice.”**





Your way?

Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”



Your way?

Proverbs 22:6
Train up a child in
the way he
should go; even
when he is old he
will not depart
from it.



Ways we don't understand.

Proverbs 30:18-19, "Three things are too wonderful for me; four I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a maiden."



The mysterious way of generosity

Proverbs 11:24-25, “One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”

Two Questions for today:

1. How does this “way” work?

2. Why do/did “godly” Pharisees miss this?

Luke 16:14, “The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.”

Luke 11:39, “And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.”

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Luke 16:1-3, “He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.”

The Crisis:
How do I get what I need?

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Or?

The Solution:

Luke 16:4-6, “I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?’ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’”

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Create a community of grace.

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How is this way- wise?

Luke 16:8, “The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness (wisdom). For the sons of this world are more shrewd (wise) in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.”

The Critical question: What friends are you making?

Luke 16:9, “And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

Friends: Philos- Dear ones
- those we depend on



How we steward earthly wealth is a picture of our friendship circle.

Luke 16:10-12, "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?"

Your values are found in your valuables.

Luke 16:13, "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

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Luke 11:38-41, "The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

Its all measured but you don't care.

Luke 11:42, "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others."

Inside therapy.

Luke 11:40-41, “You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? But give as alms (compassionately gifts) those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.”

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Jesus said it is a blessing to give

Acts 20:35, “In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'”

We choose, or it doesn't work

2Corinthians 9:6-8, “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”