

“Jesus Says”; Discussion Questions

Week 8: Luke 16:1-13, “The Truth Money Tells”

1. In the message from this weekend or the video, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why? What applications for your life did you learn?
2. From this weeks Scripture, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why?

A Deeper Look

3. Read Matthew 6:19-21. What stands out to you in this passage? How do you see the truth of these verses resonate in your life?
4. What immediately comes to mind when you think of money? (A gift from God, joy, power, wealth, stress, a burden) What do these passages (LK 16:1-13, MT 6:19-21) tell us about money? What other Scriptures come to mind that inform our biblical view of money?

TAKING IT HOME

5. Describe the difference between ownership and stewardship. Why is it important for us as believers to know the difference? How can you personally grow in stewardship?
6. Jesus is King over all and Jesus is building His Kingdom, by bringing people to know Him and love Him with all their heart. How can you use money for eternal impact for Jesus Kingdom?
7. Look at the chart (*see chart below*) of the three theologies. Are you previously familiar with any of these? What has been your personal experience with these views?

HOMEWORK

Spend some time during this series reading the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

	POVERTY THEOLOGY	STEWARDSHIP THEOLOGY	PROSPERITY THEOLOGY
VIEW OF THE PROSPERITY	nonmaterialistic, disdain for possessions	Possessions are a trust given in varying proportions	Prosperity is the reward of the righteous
POSSESSIONS ARE	a curse	a privilege	a right
SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE	Luke 18:18-22 sell, give to the poor (rich young ruler)	Matthew 25:14-30 parable of talents	Matthew 7:7-8 ask, seek, knock
MITIGATION	Proverbs 21:20 In house of wise are stores of choice food & oil, but a foolish man devours all he has	None	Proverbs 23:4-5 Don't wear yourself out to get rich
NEEDS MET BY	Carefree Attitude Don't worry- seek kingdom first Matthew 6:25-34	Faithful Administration 1 Corinthians 4:2 Matthew 25:21&23	Transaction Tithe for a blessing Malachi 3:10
CONCEPT	Rejector	Steward	Owner
ATTITUDE TOWARD POOR	We are	We care	We owe
PREOCCUPATION	Daily needs	Wisdom	Money
ATTITUDE	Carefree (Proverbs 3:5-6)	Faithful (Luke 16:10-11)	Driven (Proverbs 10:17)