

- Why is it important to distinguish between commending shrewdness and commending dishonesty?
- Jesus says, “The children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.” What do you think he means?
- What does Jesus mean when he tells his disciples to “make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth”?
- How does this verse challenge the way we normally think about money and possessions?

Read Luke 16:10–12 (Faithfulness with what is temporary)

- What does Jesus say about faithfulness in little things?
- Why does Jesus describe money as a “very little” thing compared to “true riches”?
- What does our use of temporary resources reveal about our spiritual character?
- Why is it dangerous to think, “I will be faithful or generous when I have more”?

Read Luke 16:13 (The question of mastery)

- What two masters does Jesus contrast?
- Why does Jesus say we cannot serve both God and wealth?
- How can money become a master rather than a servant?
- What would it look like for money, possessions, and resources to serve God’s purposes instead of ruling our lives?

IV. Digging Deeper

- **Luke 3:10–14** — How does John the Baptist describe repentance in practical terms, especially with clothing, food, money, and power?
- **Luke 5:27–32** — How does Levi use his home, table, and relationships after he begins following Jesus?
- **Luke 8:1–3** — What does this passage show about using personal resources to support the ministry of Jesus?
- **Luke 9:23–25** — How does Jesus challenge the idea that gaining the world is worth more than belonging to him?
- **Luke 19:1–10** — How does Zacchaeus’ response to Jesus show that salvation changes the way we view money, possessions, and restitution?

V. Prayer

Spend time in prayer together:

- Thank God for the resources, relationships, time, and opportunities he has entrusted to you.
- Confess the ways money, comfort, control, or security can become too important.
- Ask God to help you see yourself as a steward rather than an owner.
- Pray for wisdom to use temporary things for eternal purposes.

