

Sermon Study: Be Rich

Luke 16:1-15

September 25, 2022

Lean In: What has been your perspective on giving money to the Church over the years? When have you viewed it as a "have to" and when have you viewed it as a "get to"?

Look In: Read **Luke 16:1-15** aloud together, and/or write out verse 10 in your journal.

Look Back: What stood out to you most about this week's teaching? What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? What comforted you?

Take it Deeper:

- 1. According to Merriam-Webster, "shrewd" means to have clever discerning awareness, being able to make wise decisions based on sound judgment.
 - a. On a scale from 1-10, how shrewd are you navigating riches in this world?
 - b. How shrewd are you in navigating riches for God's Kingdom?
 - c. What can you do now to use your present resources to plan ahead for eternity?
- 2. What does it look like for you to surrender your resources to God: time, talent and treasures? Which area is the hardest for you to let go of?
- 3. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19.
 - a. How does a person take hold of "the life that is truly life?"
 - b. What can you do to turn your focus more toward eternal rewards in heaven rather than material possessions?
- 4. The man in the parable had to give an account of how he stewarded his master's possessions. Have you ever considered the idea of giving an accounting to God of how you have managed his possessions?
- 5. We are all stewards of our time, talent and treasure. How will you give an account of your stewardship over these things? What else in your life are you a steward over right now? A home? Children? Employees?

Look Up: Father, true riches are not found here on earth. Forgive me for chasing after things that don't last. Help me to be faithful and generous with everything that you have given me so that I can be truly rich! And when I am called to give account of my life, I long to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." You are the One I want to live and work for and your Kingdom is the one I want to chase after. Help me to surrender all to you.