

"Forging a Firm Financial Foundation, Part 1"

Luke 16:1-15 October 20, 2015

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Prayer Requests & Opening Prayer

What was your least favorite job ever, and why?

What was your favorite job ever, and why?

**1. Read Luke 16:1-7**

- In what crisis does the manager find himself?  
What plan does he devise?
- Why is it important for Jesus' disciples to hear this parable?
- Why is it important for us to hear this parable?

**2. Read Luke 16:8**

- Considering the manager's scheme, why does the owner commend the manager?

**3. Read Luke 16:9-15**

- How does Jesus summarize this parable (v. 9)?
- What do you think Jesus is commending here?
- How do verses 10-12 help you understand Jesus' point?
- What is the problem with trying to serve two masters (v. 13)?

- What characterizes the attitude of the Pharisees (v. 14)? How does the parable speak to them? How does the parable speak to us?

**4. How do you view your money?**

- "It's mine. Keep your hands off!"
- "It's my creditors', I have so many bills!"
- "It's on loan from God—I just manage it."
- In another way?
- What formative experiences in your life have led you to see money the way you do?
- How do you use money for the sake of the Kingdom of God?

**5. In light of verse 13, who or what are some of the masters you have served in your life?**

- What masters pull at you for allegiance now?
- How do you deal with these pressure in light of your commitment to Christ?

**Closing Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, teach us we cannot serve to masters. Lead us to love you with all our thoughts, all our talk, all our time, all our talents, and all our treasure. In Your Name we pray. Amen.