

A Teacher's Meeting Bible Study

Parable of the Steward

Luke 16:1-15

Read the Scripture aloud and discuss questions as a group.

1. What did the manager do when he saw he was about to be fired?
 - a. He moved quickly to cut his boss's losses.
 - b. He hurried to cover his tracks.
 - c. He tried to get even with his boss.
 - d. He tried to wheel and deal his way out of trouble.
 - e. He created obligations he could "call in" later.

2. Why did the master commend the manager?
 - a. because he had given up on collecting the debts
 - b. because he admired shrewdness
 - c. because some payment was better than none
 - d. because the manager had acted quickly and decisively

3. What was Jesus teaching here?
 - a. Dishonesty is the best policy.
 - b. We should use money shrewdly.
 - c. We should use money to buy friends
 - d. We should extend God's kingdom by sharing with those in need.
 - e. We should be as diligent as unbelievers are in managing money.
 - f. Our spiritual growth is directly related to our faithfulness with money.

4. What does it mean to you to be "trustworthy in handling worldly wealth?"
 - a. to put profits first
 - b. to make smart financial decisions
 - c. to implement the decisions of my superiors
 - d. to handle wealth with the conviction that God owns it all
 - e. to always be honest and ethical
 - f. to use money in a way that will reap eternal dividends

5. How do you view your money?
 - a. It's mine—keep your hands off!
 - b. It's my creditors'.
 - c. It's God's—I just manage it.

6. How do you feel about Jesus' black and white words: "You cannot serve both God and Money?" What practical changes can you make in your life to make you less of a servant or slave to money?