

DID JESUS REALLY SAY THAT?

Buying Friends?

Luke 16:1-15

The meaning of the parable:

- Focus on the future.
- Sacrifice short term financial gain for long term financial relationships.
- Take aggressive steps to change your life.

The application for us:

- 1) Invest your money in eternal friendships.
- 2) God blesses faithful stewardship with greater influence.
- 3) Beware of the danger of money.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Why does Jesus spend so much time talking about money? What does this say about how money affects us?
- 2) What is your reaction to the way the business manager handled his termination? Why is his action commended by his boss and by Jesus?
- 3) When you think about money, how do you view it? Is that view reflected in the way you use and manage money? Read Matthew 6:19-34; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19.
- 4) What are some practical but aggressive ways that we can use our money and our things to make friends for eternity?

*** Ask God some honest questions about how you are giving. Go to mediaplayer.hcbc.com and see the Giving Questions under the Resources section.**

Memory Verse

Luke 16:9

“I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.”