

If Money Talked The First Thing I'd Say...

Having more money won't make you rich, but using it well will (Luke 16:1-13). As followers of Jesus, now more than ever is a season that we can become shrewd or wise, especially when it comes to our finances. Being shrewd with our money means we plan for the future and decide what percentage of our income we will live on. It means we purposefully invest into things that have eternal weight and significance (e.g. tithing, supporting missionaries, giving to ministry organizations, etc.), as well as into people for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

GETTING STARTED

How comfortable are you talking about money and how you spend it? What were your initial thoughts or feelings about a message and series on money? Why is money such a sensitive subject?

GO DEEPER

1. In Luke 16:1-13, why did the master (rich man) consider his manager shrewd, despite conventional wisdom?
2. What point was Jesus making when He said that *the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light* (Luke 16:8), and why is this significant?
3. What are the *true riches* Jesus mentions in Luke 16:11?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What is your attitude and heart right now when it comes to money?
2. Do you tithe? If so, how has God shown His faithfulness through that? If not, what are the biggest hurdles that keep you from taking that step?
3. How have you been financially blessed by someone else? What might it look like for you to be a financial blessing to someone you know?
4. What things do you currently do with your finances that you would consider shrewd or wise? Where do you think you might need to grow in how you manage your money?

PRACTICE IT NOW

Take some time as a group to pray and ask God to show you what it means to have security and hope in Him and not in wealth or finances. Ask Him for grace to be truly rich, and for courage to do what it takes to get there. Ask God to show you how, in any season, to become more shrewd or wise with your finances, and how and where to give.

BLESS

Who is one person in your sphere of influence that really needs a listening ear? How can you be intentional with them to plan a time to actively listen to their story and to their current situation, with love and hope?