

Shrewdness in Stewardship

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4. Spiritual Purposes

You can use earthly wealth to make an eternal difference.

Luke 16:9 (ESV)

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

Matthew 6:21 (ESV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

If God can trust you with money, He will trust you with greater things.

Luke 16:10 (ESV)

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

Luke 16:11 (ESV)

If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

Everything you have on earth really belongs to God.

Luke 16:12 (ESV)

And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

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Luke 16:13 (ESV)

No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.