

## “Planning Your Spiritual Retirement” Luke 16

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done.” Revelation 22:12 (English Standard Version)

Question: What are you doing to plan for your spiritual retirement?

### ● PARABLE OF THE UNJUST SERVANT

*He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. Luke 16:1-8 (ESV)*

#### The Point of the Parable

- The dishonest manager did what he had to do to prepare for his future.
- Because the manager prepared for the future, he showed more foresight than most of God’s people.

### ● SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

*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. <sup>10</sup>“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. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth,*

*who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.*

Luke 16:9-14 (ESV)

- God will reward those who use their financial resources in light of eternity.
- How you handle money releases God to entrust you with things that are much more important.

#### Three Responsibilities That Constitute True Riches

- Responsibility #1: More money to invest (See 2 Corinthians 9:6-11)
 

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (ESV)*
- Responsibility #2: Influence in others’ lives (See Luke 16:11)
- Responsibility #3: Eternal responsibilities (See John 14:1-2; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-4; 1 Corinthians 3:1-15)
 

*If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:15 (ESV)*

- The Master I serve is my true Master. (See Luke 16:13)

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21 (ESV)*

*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:10-11 (ESV)*