



LESSONS

from a Shrewd Money Manager

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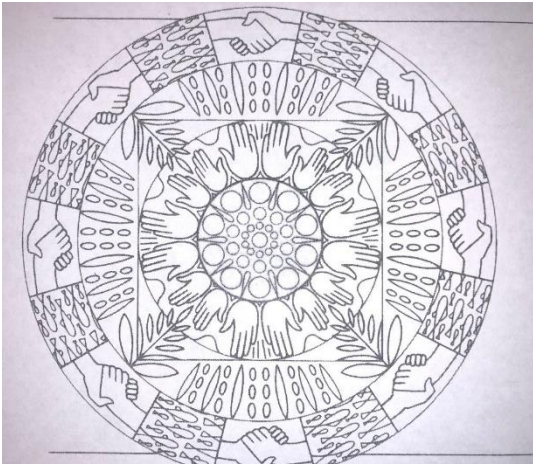
Praise Team

“Lessons from a Shrewd Money Manager”

Rev. Danny Jack

“We Are an Offering”

Benediction



Week Two: RELEASE

Today's imagery is inspired by Matthew 19:16-22 (a wealthy man seeks eternal life) and Deuteronomy 15:1-11 (the year of cancelled debts). The open hands represent the posture Jesus invited the rich man to take by letting go of his possessions and their hold over him. The hands also symbolize the releasing of debts- a mandate given to the Israelites through Moses to build community.

Today we are practicing release. Release literally means "to relieve from something that confines, burden or oppresses." When it comes to money many of us long to release shame, fear, or past harm. Maybe today we let go of our fear of not having enough. To trust God with what He has given us. To give back our tithe and allow God into our finances.

Pastor: As you entered today you were given a piece of paper. Take a moment to write down a prayer of release. Release from fear of not having enough, a fear of loss both physical and spiritual. Name anything you wish to give up to God. Leave your paper on the pew and I will add your prayers onto our circle.

The story of God calls us to release-

ALL: whatever confines, limits or oppresses us.

Pastor: Today hear and receive this good news:

ALL: God washes away all sin, blurring our prayers into a circle of beauty and grace.

Pastor: Thanks be to God who makes us new-

ALL: over and over and over again.

Pastor: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God for releasing us from our shame!

Pastor: We now bring our tithes and offerings...

RELEASE: LESSONS FROM A SHREWD MONEY MANAGER

Luke 16:1-13

“Jesus told his disciples: “There once was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his master’s possessions. So the owner called him in and asked, ‘What’s this I hear about you? I want you to give an account of what you’ve done with MY money, because your time as my manager is ending.’ The manager said to himself, ‘What am I going to do now? I’m losing my job as a manager but I’m not strong enough to dig ditches and I’m too proud to beg. I know what I’ll do -- so that I’ll have friends to take care of me when I lose my job.’ So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ‘800 gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. The manager said, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it 400.’ Then the manager found another debtor and asked, ‘How much do YOU owe?’ ‘1000 bushels of wheat,’ he replied. The manager said, ‘OK, change your bill to say you only own 800.’” Luke 16:1-7

“When the Master heard what the dishonest manager had done, he still commended his shrewdness. For the people of this world are more shrewd in handling their affairs than are the people who belong to the Light.” Luke 16:8

7 FINANCIAL LESSONS

1. _____
“Accused of wasting his master’s possession.” Luke 16:12

2. _____
“I want you to give an account of what you’ve done with MY money, because your time as my manager is ending.” Luke 16:2

3. _____ :

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“What I am going to do now?” Luke 16:3

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“I know what I’ll do...” Luke 16:4

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Luke 16:5-6

4. _____
"I tell you, 'Use your worldly wealth!'" Luke 16:9a

5. _____
"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"
Luke 16:11

"And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" Luke 16:12

6. _____
"No servant can serve two masters. 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 both God and money." Luke 16:13

7. _____
"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Luke 16:9

"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Matthew 6:20-21

Does Jesus really have first place in my life?

How much am I investing for eternity?

Can God trust me with spiritual blessings?

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