



Uniontown Bible Church

Sermon Guide
March 29: Luke 16

What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

Key Takeaways:

1. We already have what we need - The gospel has been revealed through Scripture and the resurrection. The issue isn't lack of evidence but willingness of heart.
2. Live with the end in mind - Knowing that everyone dies and faces eternity should radically change how we live today.
3. Use temporary resources for eternal impact - God has given us finances, time, and opportunities to invest in gospel advancement and people's souls.
4. Be shrewd for the Kingdom - Bring the same urgency, creativity, and strategic thinking to Kingdom work that the world brings to temporary pursuits.
5. You cannot serve two masters - Our relationship with money reveals who or what we're truly serving.

Discussion Questions:

The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

1. How does thinking about the end (death and eternity) change how you live in the present? Why do you think the rich man was in torment? What does this story reveal about what truly matters to God?
2. Abraham tells the rich man that his brothers "have Moses and the prophets." What does this mean for us today?
3. The rich man believed a miracle (someone rising from the dead) would convince his brothers. Jesus rose from the dead, yet many still don't believe. What does this tell us about the human heart?
4. What are you going to do with what's right in front of you? How do you answer that question?

5. Is there someone in your life (like Lazarus at the gate) that God has placed in your path whom you've been ignoring?

The Shrewd Manager (Luke 16:1-13)

6. Jesus says "worldly people are often better at playing the long game than people who follow Jesus." Do you agree? Why or why not? In what areas of life do non-believers sometimes show more urgency, creativity, or strategic thinking than Christians?
7. Money is a tool to be used, not a treasure to be stored. How does this challenge the way you view your finances? What does it mean practically to "use what won't last for what will"?
8. Jesus says we cannot serve both God and money (v. 13). How can you tell which one you're serving? What are some warning signs that money has become a master rather than a tool in your life?

Practical Applications:

1. Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal if there are any "Lazarus figures" in your life you've been ignoring. Identify one person in your life who needs to hear the gospel and take one concrete step toward sharing it with them this week
2. Examine your bank statements from the last month—what do they reveal about your priorities and what you're serving? Review your giving—are you faithfully and generously supporting gospel work locally and globally?
3. Write down three ways you could use your financial resources more strategically for eternal impact. Find one practical way to meet a physical need for someone while also sharing the hope of Christ.
4. **For Families:** Have a conversation with your family about how you're using your resources for God's Kingdom. Involve your children in a giving decision—let them help choose a missionary, ministry, or need to support.