

Message Notes | The Generous Life

Part 2: Making a Difference

Luke 16:1-9

→ "Oh....that's what it's for!"

#1 A tool is _____ if you don't understand the _____ it can make.

→ you've been given some time and some resources

→ the story of a shrewd manager - **vs. 1-8**

#2 Our natural _____ is that it's all for our _____.

→ the limited impact of our stuff - **vs. 9**

#3 Money is a _____ that can be used to make an eternal _____.

→ Jesus understood the perspective of eternity

#4 How can I be _____ in a way that makes an eternal _____.

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1. When it comes to managing money, what are three words that best describe you?
2. **Read Luke 16:1-9.**
 - Look up the definition of "shrewd." Why would the master describe the manager's actions as shrewd?
 - In one sentence, try to clarify what Jesus was challenging his listeners to do.
 - If it's true that no one can serve both God and money, what are the differences between the person who serves money and the person who serves God?
4. **Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-16.** This prayer was said by King David in the midst of an Old Testament building project. What are some truths from this prayer that affect the way we give?
5. God has never asked us to give everything we have to the church . But He does ask us to manage all that we have to His glory. What does that mean? What does that look like?
6. The things of this world so often don't bring the fulfillment we thought they would. Do you have an example of something you purchased that did not live up to expectations? What did you learn from that experience?
7. If money is intended to be a tool rather than the meaning of life, what are some ways that you could tell that you are on the right track as you manage what you have?

Besides money, do you have other possessions that you could use to make an eternal difference? Explain.

