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**Listen to your Future You**  
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(Luke 16:1-14)

(Psalm 112:5-6) “It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. <sup>6</sup>For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.”

(Luke 16:1-7) “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.’”

(Luke 16:8-9) “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. <sup>9</sup>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.”

(Luke 16:10-11) “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?”

**THIS PARABLE TEACHES TWO PRINCIPLES**

**Principle 1.** It a \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**Principle 2.** The w \_\_\_\_\_ thing we can do with money is  
L \_\_\_\_\_ it for eternity.

(Hebrews 11) “faith is the evidence of things hoped for, the assurance of things unseen and without faith, it is impossible to please God.

**3 RUNGS ON A LADDER**

**Rung 1: F \_\_\_\_\_ Offering (tithe)**

(Malachi 3:8-9) “Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup>Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.”

(Malachi 3:10) “And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

**Rung 2: S \_\_\_\_\_ Living (The recognition all of it belongs to God)**

**Rung 3: L \_\_\_\_\_ Investing**

(Acts 4:34-35) “There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

**GETTING STARTED**

**1. Choose to live generously and s \_\_\_\_\_ somewhere**

**2. Make a p \_\_\_\_\_ to give.**

(1 Cor 16:2) “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income.”

**3. Do your giving f \_\_\_\_\_!**

**4. Seek to g \_\_\_\_\_ your margin**

(Luke 16:14NIV) “The Pharisees who loved money, heard all of this and were sneering at Jesus.”