

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

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LUKE 16:1-13

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Introduction

As we started to look at the story of the “Unjust Steward” we saw that Jesus is suggesting that there was a link, a vital connection, between the spiritual and the use of money – that these were joined together and that the use of our money in time would somehow shape our responsibilities and privileges in eternity. We saw that the steward was guilty of fraud as he reduced the debts of those who owed money to his master. He was really planning for his future by using money that was not his own. The story of the unjust steward seems to picture a man who robbed his master and received his master’s praise and was pointed out by Jesus as an example for His followers to follow. As we read Jesus’ own commentary on the parable in verses 9-13 we started to discover that the praise was given, not for dishonesty, but for the steward’s foresight as he planned for his future. The future he planned for was temporal – The Christian’s future is eternal and our Lord expects us to plan for our future and to invest in eternity. The theme question from last week’s message has not changed, nor will it ever change - ARE YOU PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE – NOT FOR THE FEW YEARS YOU MIGHT LIVE – BUT – FOR THE ETERNITY YOU MUST LIVE?

1. MONEY – AN INVESTMENT FOR YOUR FUTURE

2. MONEY – AN _____ OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS

3. MONEY – A _____ FOR YOUR MASTER

4. MONEY – A _____ TO YOUR LORD

CONCLUSION: