

# MANAGE ME WELL

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## I. Jesus and Money

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## II. Conversations with Our Wallets

A. "I add value, but I should not be the value of your life."

*And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's **life does not consist** in the abundance of his **possessions**" (Luke 12:15).*

B. "I should be managed well."

*<sup>1</sup> 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**.' <sup>8</sup> 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**. <sup>10</sup> "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**? <sup>12</sup> And if you **have not been faithful in that which is another's**, who will give you **that which is your own**? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two*

masters, for 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 God and money**" (Luke 16:1–13).

### III. Lessons Learned

- A. We are managers and not owners.

*As for the **rich in this present age**, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the **uncertainty of riches**, but **on God**, who **richly provides us with everything** to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17).*

- B. Shrewd 'sons of light' give away 'unrighteous wealth'.

*Sell your **possessions**, and **give** to the needy. Provide yourselves with **moneybags** that do not **grow old**, with a treasure **in the heavens** that does **not fail**, where no **thief approaches** and no **moth destroys** (Luke 12:33).*

- C. Live on a percentage of your income.

<sup>19</sup> *"Do not **lay up for yourselves** treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but **lay up for yourselves** treasures in heaven..." <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:19–21).*

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