

JESUS IS

*SERIOUS
ABOUT GRACE*









“Of all the parables of Jesus found in Luke’s gospel, chapter 16 is by far the most difficult to interpret.”

Ben Witherington III

1. Both show the waste of resources.
2. Both have a self-conversation.
3. Both hope in the mercies of the owner.
4. Each receive tremendous grace.

In light of the grace you have received, and the eternal future you have, be a wise and generous steward of the resources God has given you.

God is our Father and owner of all things, and we are His sons and daughters and called to be good stewards of all He has entrusted to us.



“The entire scheme is built on the steward’s evaluation of the nature of the master... He is smart enough to know his only hope is to put his entire trust in the unqualified mercy of his generous master.”

Kenneth E. Bailey

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3. Like the master our God was willing to pay a high price to secure us a future we don't deserve.

Just as people of this world use earthly resources to prepare for their temporal future, use temporal resources to prepare for your eternal future.

“Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 1:11

“Stewardship is not a subcategory of the Christian life, it is the Christian life...it is our possessions, and our time, energy, family, talents, vocation, basically every facet of life.”

Randy Alcorn

Worldly Wealth

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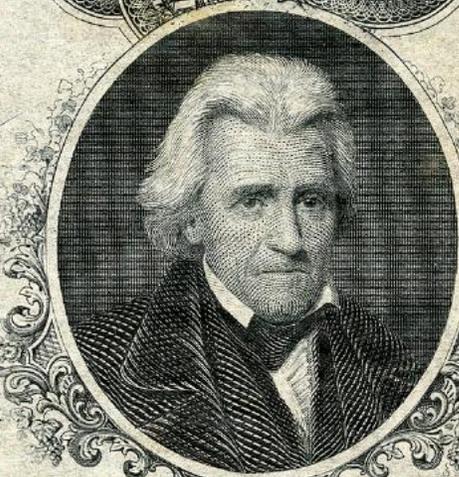
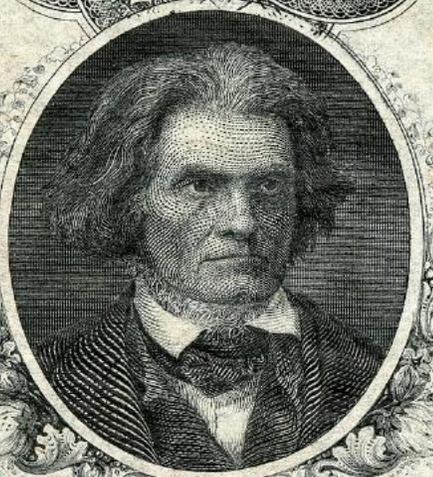
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Good stewardship with little is better than bad stewardship, and stewardship with much is built on good stewardship with little.

Final Thoughts

Practical Steps

Our behavior and choices
have long term significance,
so choose wisely and live
rightly.

Everyone else's evaluation of
your life, is meaningless
compared to the masters.

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Have the stewardship
conversation

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Cor. 9:8-9

Start with YOUR local church, then with what sticks to your heart.

Start good stewardship
early in life.



He is no fool who gives what he
cannot keep to gain what he cannot
lose.

— *Jim Elliot* —