

FAITH & MONEY: Streetwise

As preached on Sunday, January 12th

Read: Luke 16:1-9

1. The parable begins with a rich master confronting his manager. What charge does the rich master bring against the manager? What, specifically, do you suppose the manager had done?
2. What does it mean to be a steward or manager of someone else's wealth? Take a moment to read 1 Chronicles 29:14. How does this apply to the role that we play as God's managers?
3. In v.3 the manager is concerned over what will happen to him next, but in v.4 he decides upon a plan and he enacts that plan in vv.5-7. What is his plan and what does he hope it will accomplish?
4. Is the manager authorized to carry out this plan? Why, or why not?
5. The first part of v.8 describes the rich master's response when he discovers what the manager has done. What is his response? Are you surprised at his response? Why, or why not?
6. Why does the rich master respond the way he does?
7. Jesus provides an explanation in vv.8b-9. What does he mean when he tells us to "use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves"? What does he mean when he says that we will then be "welcomed into eternal dwellings"?
8. How can you better leverage your temporary money & possessions for an eternal impact?