



**Topeka Bible Church**  
**NextStep, Message #13:**  
***"Your Next Step OUT: Forever Friends in Heaven"***  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Luke 16:1-13 and selected passages**

1. When you assess your own role as a "manager" of the resources that you've been given? Do you "squander/waste" that which you've been give for your own selfish benefit (Luke 16:1-2)? What does "wasting" look like in our 21<sup>st</sup> century lives?
  
2. How did this manager respond to his situation in *Luke 16:3-4*? Didn't he act somewhat dishonestly in *Luke 16:5-7*? What was he attempting to do in these verses and how would this have earned him favor with his master's debtors?
  
3. Even though this manager acted dishonestly, why did his master praise this "unrighteous" (NASB) manager (*Luke 16:8*)? What does Jesus mean that the people of the world are shrewder than the "people of light?"
  
4. Luke 16:9 sounds contradictory to what Jesus (and Paul) would normally teach (*John 12:35-36*; *1 Thessalonians 5:5*)? What does He mean by these words? How was Jesus be emphasizing the importance of faithfulness and evangelism here?

5. Are you faithful in the “little things” (*Luke 16:10; Matthew 25:21*)? What are the “little things” in your life? What does Jesus mean by “true riches” (*Luke 16:11*)? Have these been entrusted to you? If so, how?
6. Do you ever try to serve “two masters” (i.e. God and money, *Luke 16:13*)? Why do we so often try to serve these two if Jesus says it is impossible (*1 John 2:15-17*)? How do you specifically struggle by “serving” money?

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7. **NextStep APPLICATION:** In what way can you be “faithful” and use your position and possessions to win others to Christ? How else might you steward your resources to further God’s kingdom this week? Do you get excited when you think about seeing friends in heaven who will be there because of your faithfulness?

**Memory Verse:**

**“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”**

**(Luke 16:13, NASB)**