

Finding Contentment through Giving

Luke 16:1-13

I. The Meaning of the Parable

- A. Scenario #1: The manager was reducing the master's profit so the debtors would praise the master for his generosity.
- B. Scenario #2: The manager was reducing his own profit to gain favor with the debtors.

II. The Main Point of the Parable

God wants us to generously use material wealth for eternal purposes because it is the key to freedom and joy.

III. The Lessons of the Parable

- A. At the very center of generous living is an awareness of the value of other people (vv.8-9).
- B. To prepare yourself for generous living, you need to find out what God says about money (vv. 10-12; Luke 12:13-21; Proverbs 30:8-9; Acts 4:32-5:13).
- C. How much you give is not so much a reflection of your wealth as it is of your relationship with God (v.13).