Making Forever Friends

Luke 16:1-12 Dr. Ken Quick Nov. 8, 2026

Intro: "Leech ministry" Prov. 30:15

I. Principle 1 in Strategic Stewardship: Move From Thinking like an **Owner** to Thinking like a **Manager** (16:1-8)
   A. An odd parable—why *praise* a dishonest manager?

   B. Key: *Redemption = Ownership transfer*

   C. "Children of light" aren't smart about its implications

II. Principle 2 in Strategic Stewardship: Move from Thinking **Temporally** to Thinking **Eternally** (16:9-12)

   A. The promise of Strategic Stewardship: *You can change your experience of heaven!*

   B. Heaven is a big question mark for most believers

   C. Making "forever friends" with *Service* (time, talents, spiritual gifts, energy invested, etc.)

   D. Making "forever friends" with *Money*

   E. Bottom line: God *wants* you to use *what no longer belongs to you* to make "forever friends" for yourself.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 16:1-12 carefully several times. What are three things that jump out at you from this passage?
2. Given Jesus' three famous parables about the lost things/one who are found in Luke 15, how does Luke 16:1-12 fit with that message?
3. Jesus says His children are not very smart/shrewd about the concept of "stewardship/management". Why do you think we have such trouble?
4. One of our problems is that we forget what Jesus purchased when He redeemed us from slavery. What does He now own that used to be "ours"? Make a list.
5. We also have trouble with our concepts of heaven. What new information do we get about heaven/the Kingdom in 16:9-12? How does that change the picture for you?
6. Think of five "behind-the-scenes" people right now who have used their stewardship of time, skill, effort, and finances to serve and/or bless you. Plan now on having them over to your "eternal dwelling"—and you might share with them how you plan on doing that!
7. Think of five people *you* have blessed this week with what belongs to God but was entrusted to you.