### **Eternal Investing Profound Stories – Part 4**

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1 Timothy 6:10 (ESV) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Hebrews 13:5 (ESV) Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

1 Corinthians 4:2 (ESV) Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

### 1. Be toward God

Luke 12:15 (ESV) And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

### 1A. Avoid goals

Luke 12:18-19 (ESV) And he said. 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.""

### 1B. Aim for wealth

Luke 12:20-21 (ESV) But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

### 2. Prepare for

Luke 16:1-2 (ESV) He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'

### 2A. Be a wise

Luke 16:4-5 (ESV) I have decided what to do. so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

## 2B. Use \_\_\_\_\_\_ to make forever friends

Luke 16:8-9 (ESV) The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

### 3. Be a manager

Luke 16:10 (ESV) "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

### 3A. Be faithful with what you

Luke 16:11-12 (ESV) If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

#### 3B. Serve , not money

Luke 16:13 (ESV) No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

### Action Plan for This Week

□ Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Luke 12 & 16) □ Mon □ Tue □ Wed □ Thu □ Fri □ Sat □ Sun

□ Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Eternal Investing Study Guide Profound Stories – Part 4

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Intro. Why is money such a topic of concern and worry for many?

- Intro. In what ways is the love of money a root of evil (1 Timothy 6:10)?
- Intro. How is contentment the key to keeping your life free of love of money (Hebrews 13:5)?
- Intro. Why are managers required to be faithful (1 Corinthians 4:2)?
- 1A. How are we tempted to be covetous by our culture (Luke 12:15)?
- 1B. What was wrong with the way the rich man handled his bumper crop (Luke 12:16-19)?
- 1C. What does it mean to be rich toward God (Luke 12:20-21)?
- 1D. Explain a godly attitude toward money as described in Matthew 6:33 and Matthew 6:19-20?

- 2A. In what ways are we like a manager for God (Luke 16:1-2)?
- 2B. What was wrong with the behavior of the manager (Luke 16:3-7)?
- 2C. How had the manager acted shrewdly (Luke 16:8)?
- 2D. What was Jesus take home point of the story (Luke 16:9)?
- 2E. How can we use money to make forever friends?
- 3A. How is our faithfulness with a little an indication of whether we can be trusted with more (Luke 16:10)?
- 3B. What are the true riches that Jesus is talking about in Luke 16:11-12?
- 3C. Why is it impossible to serve God and money (Luke 16:13)? In what ways do some people think you can serve God and money?
- 3D. How can you grow in the understanding that everything you have is God's and you are simply a manager of it? How will that understanding influence your decisions?