

Luke: The Gospel Cares
The Dishonest Manager Luke 16:1-18
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Is Robin Hood a good guy or a bad guy? He is portrayed as a hero, but is he? In today's Scripture, Jesus commends a bad man and presents him as an example for His followers to learn from.

Some background or review:

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Three "people" in Luke 16:1-18

- The Master
- The dishonest manager
- The debtors

Exposition:

1. Use your money evangelistically

- Instead of shrewd... let's be creative
- How?
 - Angel tree
 - WLE school supplies
 - CW3 Jamboree
- Why? To open doors for the gospel
- Luke 16 is not just for the church! It is for each of us individually.

2. Use your money eternally.

- That is Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6
- The dishonest manager was selfish

3. Use your money faithfully.

- What if Jesus' point is not really about money?
- Faithfulness and honesty are required.
- How are we dishonest with the gospel?
- In v.13 there are two masters. One is the Lord.

What is the other? ourselves

4. Miscellaneous points of emphasis

- The Pharisees were slaves of their selfishness.
- God knows our heart!
- They were mocking Jesus.
- They were rejecting God's divine plan.
- They twisted God's Word regarding marriage.

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Application:

There are huge life issues at stake in Luke 16: selfishness, faithfulness, honesty, our love & obedience to the Lord. How do you intend to think about these things and allow the Lord to change your heart? A good place to begin is repentance and confession. Then perhaps some accountability with a trusted godly friend.