

Message Brandon Chaplin

- Why Giving Today Matters Tomorrow



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The Test

"If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"

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The Story of the Shrewd Manager



- "... For the people of this world are more shrewd ... than the people of the Light"
- One day God will ask me to give an account of how I used the money I had on earth. (vs. 2)
- "The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted shrewdly."

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WHAT HE DID RIGHT

- * He looked ahead. (v. 3)
- * He planned ahead. (v. 4)
- * He acted quickly. (v. 5-6)

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Four Lessons about Money



I. THE PURPOSE OF GIVING

- "I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." (v. 9)
- The greatest use of my money is to invest it in getting people into heaven.
- Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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2. THE PATTERN FOR LIVING

- "Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." (vs. 10)
- If I am faithful with **what I have right now, then God can trust me with more of it.**

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3. THE PRINCIPLE OF BLESSING

- "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" (v. 11)
- What I do with my money determines how much God can bless my life.

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4. THE PRIORITY OF LOVING

- "No servant can serve two masters. 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 both God and money." (v. 13)
- I must choose what I will love most in life.

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* Money is to be **used**, not **loved**.

* "The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives." Deut. 14:23 (LB)

* The 10/10/80 plan

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Does God really have **first** place in
my life?

How much am I **investing** for
eternity?

Can God trust me with **spiritual**
blessings? *expecting Jesus to ...*



