

# Alderwood Community Church

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## Investing in Heaven

### Greater Things: Living a Life of Generosity

Luke 16:1-13

(Page 849-850, 1036, or 1048-1049)

*“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” **1 Timothy 6:17-19***

**Big Idea: Use your position and your possessions to win friends for the kingdom of Heaven.**

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. Why is it important for followers of Christ to hear this parable?

How does Pastor Brad's sermon help you when you're "praying for our city" so that you'll "grow in generosity" to invest in the Compassion Center?

2. **Luke 16:1-13.** In light of the manager's deceitful plan, why does Jesus commend him?
3. Read **Luke 16:8.** What does Jesus mean when He talks about "people of the light" (refer also to **Matthew 10:16** and **John 17:14**)? What is Jesus' point?
4. What does the phrase, "so that when it is gone" (v.9) mean? What does "using worldly wealth" have to do with being "welcomed into eternal dwellings"? Does this mean you can buy your way into heaven?

Who will welcome you into eternal dwellings because you used your wealth for God's purposes?

5. In vv.**9-13** Jesus draws several principles from this parable about our wealth and eternity. What principles do you see here that apply to your life?
6. Read **Proverbs 23:4-5; Psalm 49:16-20; Psalm 62:10-12**. When you find yourself serving your “money master”, how will these verses help you follow God?
7. Money has the power to take over God’s place in your life. **Luke 16:13** says, “You cannot serve two masters.” A slave to wealth has some distinctive characteristics. Such a person thinks and worries about money frequently; makes the choice to spend time earning more and more money; finds it difficult to give wealth away; and goes into unnecessary debt. If you see yourself here, how can this passage help you begin to break free of money’s hold on you?