



We continue this week in our sermon series: “Absurd Generosity.” In order to be absurdly generous we need to steward our resources well. This Sunday, we examined the parable of the shrewd manager and heard Jesus’ teaching about stewardship. Jesus’ audience was composed of a variety of people, rich and poor, honest and dishonest, and his advice applied to them all. This parable has sparked much debate about whether or not the character of the steward was acceptable, and those debates may never be settled. We do know, however, what Jesus wanted us to take away from the story, as he continued on after the parable to deliver important spiritual truths.

1. On Sunday, Teller shared a story about a boy who blew his mother’s savings on online micro purchases. While we may not have the same exact story, we’ve all wasted what we’ve been given at one time or another. Share about a time you wasted something you had (i.e. time, money, opportunity).
2. If money and time were no object, what would a normal day in your life look like?
3. **Read Luke 16:1-9.** In this story we read about some questionable management practices. **Read Ecclesiastes 7:12, Exodus 22:25, 2 Chronicles 1:11-12.** What do you see in the characters in this parable that we should emulate? What do you see in them that we should avoid?
4. The steward used what he had while he had it to make a long-term investment in relationships. What does this look like today?
5. **Read Luke 16:10-12.** What we do with a little, we will do with more. Do your free time and spending now reflect a version of your answer in question #2 at all? If not, why not? If so, how so?'
6. **Read Luke 16:10-12** again. According to vs 11, what does Jesus define as “little,” and what does he define as “much?” **Read James 5:1-3, Revelation 3:17, 1 Timothy 6:17-19.** Do you see worldly wealth the same way God does?
7. What did conversations about money look like in your home growing up? What did your family teach you about money?
8. Finally, **read Luke 16:13.** Teller suggested the following three things to help us serve God instead of money: itemizing all our last month’s expenses to see exactly where they are going, making and sticking to a budget, and having open conversations about money. Which of these suggestions will be easiest for you? Which of them is more uncomfortable?
9. Close your time in prayer.