

Gospel Generosity

Luke 16:1-14

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Defining Terms

- “Adventa”: Latin word meaning arrival.

Biblical Premise

- To learn how to focus on the amazing fact of Christmas as a means of spiritual growth.

The Core Teaching

- No servant can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Luke 16:13

Bible Study Principle

- When you see something repeated you can know, the Holy Spirit wants you to know it.

Why?

- This is about discipleship.
 - 40% of Jesus parables are about our relationship with our stuff.
 - According to Jesus you can’t be His disciple without dealing with this topic because it gets to the heart like nothing else.
- This is about being free.

The Lie

- If I could just get more money, I could be happy.

- This is about living out The Gospel.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Bottom Line

- The goal of today is not that you would respond generously to a sermon, but that you would live generously in response to the gospel.

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- “Parable”: Means to lay alongside.

Why Did Jesus Praise Him?

- Shrewdness is good discernment of your reality.
- The decisions I make now will impact my future.

What’s Clear?

- Somehow the way we use our resources is to make friends.
- What we do with what we have impacts the way we live in eternity.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

A Little Mystery

- A disciple’s faithfulness here with your resources somehow determines your level of responsibility here and in heaven.
- Jesus has given me a bunch of stuff to manage.

Two Ways To Focus On The Meaning Of Christmas

1. Instead of griping about what Jesus hasn’t given you, be grateful for what He has given you.
2. As a steward of God’s resources, you must think considering forever.

Three Levels Of Gospel Generosity

1. Infant
2. Sentimental
3. Systematic