

OPEN HANDED

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The Shrewd Manage | Luke 16:1-15

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we continued in our series "Open Handed" by looking at a parable of Jesus about a shrewd manager and the surprising response of his boss to some shady behavior.

R E A D

Luke 16:1-15

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

Take some time to walk through the story and become familiar with it.

- 1) How does this parable set-up Jesus' teaching about God's perspective on possessions, finances, time, influence etc.?
- 2) What do you think Jesus is wanting his listeners to feel or react to in the story?

We identified three ways that God views the resources in our lives. God sees all that we have as:

- A tool for blessing others
- A window into our hearts
- A sign of ownership

- 3) What are the implications of seeing all of our resources though the lens that God sees it?
- 4) Which of the three perspectives do you find most challenging to grasp?

- 5) Read verses 14 and 15. What do you think it means when Jesus says "what people value highly is detestable in God's sight"?

R E S P O N D

With the little bit of time and opportunity you have, what do you sense God asking you to do with the resources he's entrusted to you?

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

Pray that Jesus would open our eyes to see our resources the way he does.

Ask Jesus to highlight how you can use what you have to bless someone this week.

