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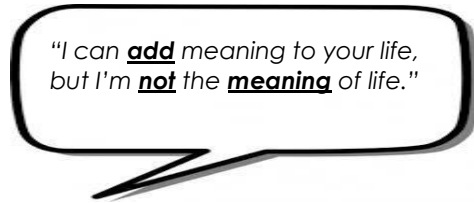
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**Money Talks ... I Mean Well**

Luke 16:1–12, 14

Jesus said more about **money** than **heaven**.



This is your **money talking!**

Make money an **end** and you may **end up alone**.

Being a **means** to an **end** is what makes anything **meaningful**.

When **you decide** to be a means to an end, **your money** becomes a means rather than an end as well.

Luke 16:1–12, 14

1 He also said to the disciples, "There was a **rich man** who had a **manager**, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting **his** possessions.

2 And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I **hear** about you? **Turn in the account** of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'

3 And the manager said to himself, '**What shall I do**, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not **strong** enough to dig, and I am **ashamed** to beg.

4 I have decided what to do, so that **when** I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.'

5 So, **summoning** his master's **debtors** one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my **master**?'

6 He said, '**A hundred measures of oil.**' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write **fifty**.'

7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, '**A hundred measures of wheat.**' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write **eighty**.'

8 The master **commended** the **dishonest** manager for his **shrewdness**. For the sons of this **world** are more **shrewd** in dealing with their own generation than **the sons of light**.

The money manager was commended for taking full advantage of his **limited time** and **opportunity**.

9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of **unrighteous wealth**, so that when it **fails** they may **receive** you into the eternal dwellings.

**According to Jesus**, money is a **means**.

How can I leverage **more** of what I have as a **means** to an end that is not me?

Turn your **stuff** into **stories**.

Do I want more **stuff** ... or more **stories**?

10 "One who is **faithful** in a very **little** is also faithful in **much**, and one who is dishonest in a very **little** is also dishonest in **much**.

11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, **who** will entrust to you the true **riches**?

**According to Jesus**, money is a **test**.

12 And if you have not been faithful in **that which is another's**, who will give you that which is **your own**?

"I will still be **here** when you are **gone**." "The moment you think **you own me** ..." **I own you**."

Managers ... **not** owners.

"I am a **means**, not an **end**."

"I am a **tool** and a **test**."

"I can **add** meaning to your life, but I am not **the** meaning of life."

If being a **means** to an **end** is what gives your life **meaning** ...  
to what **ends** do you want your life to be a **means**?

To what **ends** do you want your life to be a **means**?

- Accumulation
- Consumption
- Upgrades
- Fashion forward
- House full of stuff

She **ate**. She **drank**. She was **merry**. Then she **died**!

Live for **yourself** and you will only have **yourself** to show for **yourself** along with  
some **stuff** for people to **fight** over when you are **gone**.

14 The Pharisees, **who were lovers of money**, heard all these things,  
and they ridiculed him.

If being a **means** to an **end** is what gives life **meaning**, to what **ends** do I want  
my life to be a **means**?