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Part 5: Parable Of The Shrewd Manager

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“Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions.<sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’<sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg—<sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’<sup>5</sup>“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’<sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’<sup>7</sup> “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.<sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.<sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.<sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?<sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?<sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

**THE BIG IDEA:**

What we think we \_\_\_\_\_ is really on \_\_\_\_\_

**Why Was This Manager Commended?**

- 1. He \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. He \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. He \_\_\_\_\_

**How Should We View The Money (Stuff) In Our Life?**

- 1. As a \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. As a \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. As a \_\_\_\_\_

**The Bottom Line**

How we handle our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ says a lot about what we \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Verse**  
“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?”  
Luke 16:11

- MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .**
- Surrender ownership of my life to God through Jesus Christ for the first time
  - Memorize Luke 16:11
  - Begin investigating eternity by...
    - o Getting Started giving for the first time
    - o Committing to give regularly
    - o Giving to the Special Offering



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## Discussion Questions - Week # 8

# COREGROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Facing My Fears with Faith," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### GETTING STARTED

1. What is something that you're afraid of that others think is a silly fear?
2. Share an example of fear you have conquered. How did you do it?

### DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Joshua 1:1-9. What do you think Joshua had to be afraid of?

Why do you think God repeats the command to be strong and courageous so many times?

Does Joshua have greater reason to be courageous than we do?

Do you think Joshua had a greater need to be courageous than we do?

Do you think doing what God calls you to do requires great courage? Why or why not?

4. Read Psalm 27:1-14. How do you think David came to be so trusting in the face of danger?

How do you think regularly praying this prayer impacted David?

What difference do you think it would make in your life if you prayed this regularly?

What do you think it would take for you to become as fearless as David was in the face of trials and adversity?

5. Read Romans 8:14-17 & 31-39. In what way is living fearfully like slavery?

How should knowing that we are children of God impact the way we live and our relationship to fear?

Do you think fear plays a significant role in your life?

What can we do to ensure that we are living as children of God and not in bondage to fear?

### TAKING IT HOME

6. What step can you take this week to allow God to expand your faith?
7. How can the group be praying for you to face your fears with faith?

### PRAYER REQUESTS