

“LIVING IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE LAWS OF MONEY - PART 2”

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REVIEW: “Laws” – the principles that govern how things work. Life works better when we live in alignment with these laws.

1. Our beliefs & attitudes about money are more important than how much money we have or make.
2. We’re stewards of our money & possessions, not owners.

INTRO: In Luke 16:9-13 Jesus interpreted and applied the parable that He had told in vv. 1-8.

SEVEN LAWS OF MONEY [from Luke 16:9-13]:

1. Using your resources to benefit others has eternal implications (v. 9; Gal. 6:7).
2. Faithfulness in stewardship has little to do with the amount one stewards (v. 10).
 - A. If you aren’t faithful with a little, you won’t be faithful with more!
 - B. If you want more to steward, be faithful with what you’ve been given!
3. There is a link between faithful stewardship of finances and faithful stewardship of spiritual resources (v. 11)!
 - A. If you’re not faithful with natural things, why should you be entrusted with spiritual things (1Pet. 4:10)?
4. There is a link between faithfully stewarding what belongs to another and having more resources entrusted to you personally (v. 12)!
5. Money makes a good servant but a terrible master (v. 13).
6. Make your money a good servant by using it as a means to an end, rather than making it the end (v. 13).
7. Money is a test (Ex. 16:4; Deut. 8)! Whose money is it? Who is in control? Will I trust God with it?
 - A. Will we live in alignment with the laws of money or in opposition to the laws of money.
 - B. Typically, when we fail one of God’s tests, we have to retake the test until we pass! Been there done that?

CONCLUSION: The Pharisees, who loved money, derided Jesus for His teaching (v. 14). How have you responded?