

## ROBBER #5: THE ILLUSION OF OWNERSHIP

Luke 16:1-13

**Big Idea:** *Stewardship awakens generosity and secures eternal gain.*

<sup>1</sup> “Now He was also saying to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and this manager was reported to him as squandering his possessions.’ <sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup> 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; I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup> And he summoned each one of his master’s debtors, and he began saying to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.”

**1. Ownership \_\_\_\_\_ generosity; stewardship \_\_\_\_\_ it!**

<sup>10</sup> “He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.”

Psalms 24:1 “The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.”

Deuteronomy 8:17 “Otherwise, you may say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup> But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

**2. Stewardship \_\_\_\_\_ earthly resources for \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>9</sup> “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

2 Corinthians 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Romans 14:10a “But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt?”

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