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Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

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is better than no motivation at all

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Luke 16:1-15

I. The Parable - Let's meet a lazy manager. (1-7)

A. Sacked for being a wasteful manager.

B. Desperation - can't dig ... don't want to beg.

C. Solution:

"I will do all I can to 'win friends and influence people.'"

1. Connected with those who owed money.

2. Reduced their debt

3. Solidified relationships

D. The master's response – commendation for acting shrewdly toward the 'dishonest' manager.

II. The Lesson (8-14)

A. Our actions today have impact on our eternity. (8-9)

B. Our trustworthiness with what we have will impact what we may receive. (10-12)

C. We only serve one master. (13)

D. Our priorities change when we look at things through God's lense. (14)

III. The Personal Application:

A. What is my greatest motivation today?

B. Am I trustworthy with the 'true riches' that God has given to me in Christ?

C. Who (what) is your master?

D. What does God see when he looks at your 'heart?'

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*Hymn No. 25 *Immortal, Invisible*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from
our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious – Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring
above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest – to both great and small; in all life Thou
livest – the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the
tree, and wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore
Thee all veiling their sight; all praise we would render – O help us
to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

*Invocation

Responsive Scripture Reading

P: The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of
Eden to work it and take care of it. (Genesis 2:15)

C: **We continually remember before our God and Father
your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by
love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord
Jesus Christ.** (1 Th 1:2–3).

P: He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must
work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he
may have something to share with those in need. (Eph 4:28).

C: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to

rest— and poverty will come on you like a bandit and
scarcity like an armed man. (Pr 6:10–11)

P: ⁶In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you,
brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and
does not live according to the teaching you received from us.
... “If a man will not work, he shall not eat.” ... Such people
we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down
and earn the bread they eat. (2 Th 3:6–10)

Anthem

*Doxology

Scripture Reading Luke 16:1-15

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was
accused of wasting his possessions. ² 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.’

³“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— ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job
here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the
first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶“ ‘Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and
make it four hundred.’

⁷“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.’

⁸“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. ⁹ I tell
you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when
it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“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. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."

Sermon

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The Parable

*Hymn No. 441 *Take Time to Be Holy*

Take time to be holy. Speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in Him always and feed on His Word.

Make friends of God's children. Help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy. The world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy. Let Him be thy guide,
and run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy. Be calm in thy soul.
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,

thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

Offering of Thanks and Praise

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The Lesson

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 379

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my
moments and my days, Let them flow with ceaseless praise,
Let them flow with ceaseless praise.

Take my love – my God, I pour – at Thy feet its treasure store;
take myself – and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon Concluded

The Application

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*Choral Benediction No. 409 *I Know Whom I Have Believed*
(Refrain)

But I know whom I have believed, And am persuaded
that He is able – To keep that which I've committed
– Unto Him against that day."

*Postlude