



Wall Street: A Good Example

Luke 16:1-13

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Introduction: The recent financial scandals on Wall St. have shaken our economy to its core. On December 11th last month, Bernard Madoff was charged with massive fraud. This crook may very well be the biggest one Wall Street has ever seen! Believe it or not, our Savior held up a similar story as a good example for us! Jesus commended this steward not for his dishonesty or stealing. But, for his shrewd use of present opportunities to prepare for his future! To the Christian's shame, Madoff and others use more foresight and energy for their future than we do. This parable will provide 3 principles that will help us be better stewards for God.

- I. **You Must Examine Your Stewardship** (vs. 1-8)
 - A. Stewardship requires faithfulness (vs. 1-2)

App: How faithful have you been as a steward for God?

1. Are you a faithful steward of your **wealth**?
2. Are you a faithful steward of your **time**?
3. How about with your God given **gifts** and **abilities**?
4. Are you a faithful steward of the **Gospel message**?

- B. Stewardship requires prudence (vs. 3-8)

- II. **You Must exercise Good Stewardship** (vs. 9-12)
 - A. By investing in people (vs. 9)

- B. By being faithful with your wealth (vs. 10-12)

- III. **You Must Resist Materialism** (vs. 13-15)
 - A. Love of wealth is enslaving (vs. 13)

- B. Love of wealth is deceiving (vs. 14-15)

Conclusion:

