Sermon notes

Money & Giving Series (2/3)
Investing in eternity

Luke 16:1-14

Intro: A shocking story (v1-8)…

With Jesus' shocking punchline: "This cheating crook has more money-sense than Christians" v8

1. Copy the manager's shrewdness, be clever with money: spend what you can't keep, to gain what you can't lose v9

- We can't keep our money

- We can make friends for eternity

2. Don't copy the manager's dishonesty, be faithful with money: who is your master, really? v10-13

- "My" money actually belongs to God v12

- So my use of his money-on-loan is a test of whom I really serve v11, v13

NB: What is our Master's business? Luke 19:10: *'For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost'*

Luke 15: '*there is joy before the angels in heaven over one sinner who re-pents' (v10, cf. 15:7, 15:32)*

3 searches, 3 parties, one grumbler… (15:2, 15:29-30; 16:14)

<u>Questions for reflection:</u>

- Do I have a right view of my money: tiny (v10), temporary (vv9,11), and entrusted to me (v12)?
- How might my financial priorities/patterns change as I reflect on the fact that I can't keep my money but could use it to support my Master's business of saving people for eternity?