

Keys to the Kingdom

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One Key to Rule Them All - Give

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"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

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"The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they scoffed at him." Luke 16:14

I. JESUS' MOST SHOCKING PARABLE (LUKE 16:1-8)

"...For the people of this world are more shrewd...than the people of the light." Luke 16:8b

One day God will ask me to give an account of how I used the money I had on earth. (vs. 2)

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted shrewdly." Luke 16:8a

II. FOUR LESSONS FROM THIS PARABLE**1. Giving affects _____**

"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." Luke 16:9

* The greatest use of my money is to _____

"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:20-21

2. Giving opens a _____

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10

* If I am faithful _____,

God can trust me with _____ of it.

3. God's principle of _____

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11

* What I do with my money determines _____

4. Giving Clarifies my _____

"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 can not serve both God and money." Luke 16:13

* I must choose _____.

* Money is to be _____ not _____.

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives." Deuteronomy 14:23

Does God really have first place in my life?

How much am I investing for eternity?

Can God trust me with spiritual blessings?

"You people are robbing me, your God. And here you are, asking, 'How are we robbing you?' You are robbing me of the offerings and of the ten percent that belongs to me. That's why your whole nation is under a curse. I am the Lord all-powerful, and I challenge you to put me to the test. Bring the entire ten percent into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house. Then I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with blessing after blessing. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes, says the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:8-11