

# God's Plan For Managing Money



**Text: Luke 16:1-13**

## **I. Introduction**

- It seems that the more money we make...the more money we spend
- It becomes a vicious unending cycle
- I want to persuade you to take the steps to begin to break the grip that money has in your life
- Resolve not pile up any more debts and begin to learn to control your spending habits
- Begin to save and buy the things you need and want in cash
- How do we extricate ourselves from the vicious cycle of earning, spending, hoarding, and indebtedness?

## **II. Jesus Was Not Anti-Money**

- He understood very well the place of money in our lives
- Then, in a parable, He tells us what happened when a certain manager was fired by his boss
- According to Jesus, we should "...use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when you are gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings"
- Only money can buy health care, only money can buy gas for cars, etc.

## **III. You Are In Deep Trouble If Money Has First Place In Your Life**

- Money is a good servant but a terrible master
- Affluenza – the love of money, which can easily turn into a fatal disease
- There are some things...like health or life itself...which you cannot buy or borrow

## **IV. Money Is Only A Means And Not An End**

- Do you own your money...or does it own you?
- Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can
- 80-10-10 formula – use 80% of your income to live (current needs); use 10% of your income for savings (future needs); use 10% of your income to give back to God (eternal needs)

## **V. Conclusion**

- Build up great treasure in Heaven
- Do you have the assurance that you will live in Heaven for eternity?