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### *It's All About The Benjamins*

Luke 16:1-7 Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> 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.’ <sup>3</sup> 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— <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> ‘Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.’ <sup>7</sup> 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.’” (NIV)

#### 1. God views money as a tool

Luke 16:8-9 “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. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.” (NIV)

#### 2. God views money as a test

Luke 16:10 “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.” (NIV)

Luke 16:11-12 “So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?” (NIV)

#### 3. God views money as a trademark

Luke 16:13 “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.” (NIV)

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (NIV)

Luke 16:14-15 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 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." (NIV)

### **CG Questions**

1. Why is it important for us to understand how God views money and possessions?
2. How should our money and possessions be used as a tool for God?
3. Why does Jesus say, if we're not faithful with little, we won't be faithful with much?
4. How is the way we spend and handle our money a clear indication of who we are serving?