



# Finance 101

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<sup>1</sup> 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> “Three thousand litres of olive oil,” he replied.

‘The manager told him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifteen hundred.”

<sup>7</sup> ‘Then he asked the second, “And how much do you owe?”

“Thirty tons of wheat,” he replied.

‘He told him, “Take your bill and make it twenty-four.”

<sup>8</sup> ‘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.’

LUKE 16

## **#1.** **SAVVY PEOPLE PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE**

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LUKE 16

<sup>20</sup> ‘But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?”

<sup>21</sup> ‘This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.’

LUKE 12

**#2.**

## **SAVVY PEOPLE INVEST IN FRIENDSHIPS**

<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.

LUKE 16

<sup>19</sup> For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

1 THESSALONIANS 2

### **#3. SAVVY PEOPLE GRASP THE VALUE OF FAVOURS**

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LUKE 16

<sup>13</sup> He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

COLOSSIANS 2

<sup>14</sup> 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 others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

LUKE 16

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How are you investing your money for this lifetime? How are you investing it for eternity?**
- 2. Who are some people you will thank when you get to heaven? Who do you think are some people who will be there to joyfully receive you?**
- 3. To what extent has the gospel shaped your financial perspective and practices? What else should change to reflect the unmerited favour God has extended to you through Christ?**