



GETTING STARTED

- What was your favorite job you've ever had?
- What do you enjoy spending money on?
- What was money like for you growing up? How did it shape the way you view money now?

SCRIPTURE

- Read Luke 16:1–15 and 1 Timothy 6:9–10.

OBSERVATION

- In the parable of the shrewd manager, what does Jesus seem to admire, and what does He not admire?
- According to verses 10–13, how does Jesus connect money and trust?
- Why do you think the Pharisees “sneered” at Jesus’ teaching about money? Why do you think Jesus gave this teaching to his disciples as well?
- How does Paul’s image of “the root of all kinds of evil” help us understand the deeper problem beneath greed?

APPLICATION

- Paul warns that the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. What signs might indicate someone loves money?
- What safeguards can we keep in our life to make sure that we don’t love money? How does the illustration Pastor Sam used about removing buckthorn from the root apply to our finances and generosity?
- What’s the hardest part about giving consistently?

PRAYER

Lord, help us believe You when You say it’s more blessed to give than to receive. Pull up the roots of greed, fear, and self-reliance in our lives. Teach us to trust You with everything we have.