

Luke 16:1-13



Questions

Why is the “dishonest manager” commended?

What is “dishonest wealth”?

Who are the children of the light?

Why are we hesitant to talk about money in church?

A Familiar Story?

The Prodigal Son

Like the PS the dishonest manager squandered wealth

DM does not repent like the prodigal

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Like the RM/L “There was a rich man.”

DM does not act virtuously like Lazarus

Back to the Basics – Acts:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread into prayer.

Everyone was filled with all

All the believers were together

They ate together with glad and sincere hearts

They praised God and added to their number daily

Prayer

**The Word of God
(Written, Living, and Proclaimed)**

Holy Conversation

When Christians refuse to talk to each other across disagreement, we miss out on the beauty of the unity of the body of Christ.

Leaders produce CLARITY

NOT tasked with producing CERTAINTY

No Guarantees

Discern Your Purpose, Vision, and Core Values

Spend time in small groups, discerning together, the **core values** that are integral to our congregation

– **the ones that hold us together**

**It take 6 months to change the focus
get on the right track
go in a more helpful direction**

It takes 3 to 5 years to make it stick.

If you take the pressure off, you will default

**Develop community - - Shared emotional connections
Shared core values**

God never promised a life without trouble.

God promised to be with us - always.

Please don't say – It'll be OK – I might not

Say instead, I'm here for you – I promise