

Series: Money Talk  
Week 1

2 Things the bible says the most about

- 1) Sex
- 2) Money

2 Things the Church is terrible at talking about

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- Your money says: I can add meaning to your life, but I'm not the meaning of life
  
- Being a means to an end is what makes anything meaningful.
  
- When you (as a person) decide to be a means to an end, your money also becomes a means, rather than an end.

Luke 16

<sup>1</sup>Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man...”

<sup>3</sup>“The manager said to himself, ‘**What shall I do now?**’

<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>6</sup>“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

- We ask: ‘What is he trying to say in this story?’

<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly.

<sup>8</sup>For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.

- The manager was commended because he took full advantage of limited time and opportunity
- Jesus’ Point: do the same
- Question: how can I leverage more of what I have as a means to an end that's not about me?
- Question: ‘Do I want more stuff or do I want more stories?’
- Jesus’ Point: Money can add meaning to your life when you use it as a means to an end that goes beyond you.

<sup>10</sup>“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. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

- Question: If you're just a manager, not an owner, who are you managing it for?
- Question: If being a means to an end is what gives life meaning and is what makes anything meaningful - to what ends do you want your life to be a means?