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Managing Resources
Luke 16:1-13

This message begins a four week series on "becoming a savvy investor." This first passage of Scripture helps us to understand Jesus' perspective on being wise in our strategy related to money. He explains that after a steward, in charge of his master's possessions, had been told he was fired, he went out and wisely gathered friends by reducing their debts to the master. Jesus in explaining this story and the master of the story seem to both think of the steward as wise.

Pastor Johnson relates to us five principles for managing resources:

- Being early on the "S" curve – getting into an investment at the right time and getting out at the right time.
- Understanding compounding – letting your dollars birth children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Starting young and leaving it alone.
- Leveraging your dollars – a wise use of others dollars.
- Repetition – investing in what will be need for the future and doing this over and over.
- Relationships – Jesus reveals for us in the passage the stewards good work at developing relationships. These are key to a good reception in eternity.

1. What was "new" to you in the message of the weekend?

2. If your steward released or decreased the dollars owed you by those in debited to you, what would you say about the steward?

3. When did you become aware of the five principles Pastor shared? Which one have you enacted the most and which one have you enacted the least?

4. Of all these principles, what one can reap the most lasting benefit? Give your reasoning.

5. How could we tie this message together with our present Vision Campaign?