

Insider Investment Principles for 2011 pt 2

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Luke 16:1 Now He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and this *steward* was reported to him as squandering his possessions.

² "And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

³ "And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.'

⁴ 'I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, they will receive me into their homes.'

⁵ "And he summoned each one of his master's debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶ "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

⁷ "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

⁸ "And his master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.

⁹ "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

¹¹ "If therefore you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true *riches* to you?

¹² "And if you have not been faithful in the *use of* that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

¹³ "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

¹⁴ Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they were scoffing at Him.

¹⁵ And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.

Insider Investment Principles for 2011:

1. God is a sharing God who desires us to be like Him

2 Corinthians 8:1 Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,

² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability *they gave* of their own accord,

⁴ begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

⁵ and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

2. Money is a tool to grow us in our love for God, one another and the lost

Matthew 6:19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

3. God owns it all

Luke 15:33 "So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

4. We are stewards

Luke 16

5. We are to honor God with the first and the best

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the LORD from your wealth, And from the first of all your produce;

¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

6. The tithe belongs to the Lord

Malachi 3:7 "From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?'

⁸ "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings.

⁹ "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!*

¹⁰ "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

¹¹ "Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes*," says the LORD of hosts.

¹² "And all the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

7. Prayerfully steward with justice

2 Corinthians 8:13 For *this* is not for the ease of others *and* for your affliction, but by way of equality-

¹⁴ at this present time your abundance *being a supply* for their want, that their abundance also may become *a supply* for your want, that there may be equality;

¹⁵ as it is written, "He who *gathered* much did not have too much, and he who *gathered* little had no lack."

8. Prayerfully steward with mercy

1 John 3:1 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

¹⁷ But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

¹⁸ Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

9. Prayerfully steward with faith

Matthew 6:21 for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

²² "The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

²³ "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

²⁵ "For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, *as to* what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?

²⁶ "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?"

10. Sow bountifully, reap bountifully

2 Corinthians 9:6 Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.

11. Sow cheerfully

2 Corinthians 9:7 Let each one *do* just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

⁹ as it is written, "He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, His righteousness abides forever."

¹⁰ Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

¹¹ you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

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