

DEFYING GRAVITY: LAUNCH PAD

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Luke 16:10-13

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

REFLECT & DISCUSS

Context

Jesus teaches about money because he knows wealth is a (not-so-subtle) idol that competes with God's Kingdom and the freedom of everlasting life. Jesus teaches quite plainly, “you cannot serve God *and* wealth.”

Big Ideas

1. You cannot serve God and wealth, but you can serve God *with* your wealth.
2. “True riches” is not more money (or future money), it is the reality of launching others to joy, freedom, and new life.
3. Estimating and planning for your giving is a step into the true riches of a generous life.

Reflect

1. Read the scripture passage carefully and slowly. What word or image stands out to you? Why?
2. Have you ever launched someone else? How has a gift you gave, a note you sent, a word you said launched someone else to joy, freedom, or new life? What was that like?
3. Why might faithfulness in little lead to faithfulness in much?
4. How might you take steps to be faithful with little? What little things can you be faithful with today?

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Room 108

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