

**The Long Game**  
Par for the Course – Part 2 of 4  
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**What kind of grip do you have on your money?**

**Faithfulness with our finances qualifies us for “true riches” (Luke 16:11, 13-15)**

Luke 16:11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ESV

Luke 16:13-15 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” <sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. ESV

**The way I use my money is the clearest indicator of what’s most important to me**

**The Mechanics of a Good Financial “Long Game”**

**1. Give first (Proverbs 3:9-10)**

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ESV

**2. Save for trouble (Proverbs 22:3 Proverbs on prudent)**

Proverbs 22:3 The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it. ESV

**3. Spend to meet your needs (1 Timothy 3:4-5; 5:8)**

1 Timothy 3:4-5 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ESV

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ESV

#### 4. **Invest it for the future** (Matthew 6:19-21)

Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Are you going to live for glory in this life or the next?**

#### **My Next Step Today is to...**

☐ 1 way I need to use money for “The Long Game” is (circle one):

Give first

Save for  
trouble

Spend to meet  
needs

Invest for  
the future