

Sunday March 5, 2023

Service for Swansea and Charlestown Presbyterian Church

Welcome and Prayer

"LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. ² Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? ⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour. ⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: ⁷ all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, ⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. ⁹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

Let's pray. Dear Lord Almighty, how majestic is your name in all the earth. This day we wish the whole world would recognise your name, would recognise your power and grace and justice and mercy. We admit that we don't always remember how great you are. We don't always live in line with your holiness. We don't always rely upon your power. We don't always listen to your Word. So please forgive us. And place your Holy Spirit within us so that today we might worship you with heart, soul mind and body. We might be renewed in our faith. That we might desire to humble ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus each day. Be with us today and especially throughout this service, for we need you today more than ever. And we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song – Almighty Maker <https://youtu.be/jbytK5BeQU4>

1. Who but the Lord set the bound'ries of light
Hung the stars in the night?
Who but the Lord drew the face on the moon
Made the planets to move?
Who but the Lord tells the clouds
When to pour. Thunder to roar?
Amazing are Your works

Chorus

Almighty Maker

You command heaven and earth

By the power of Your Word

Be praised forever

Almighty Maker

All creation sings of You

Glory fills all that You do

Be praised forever, ever, evermore

2. Who but the Lord could have dreamed of the plan
That would save fallen man?
Who but the Lord washes rebels with blood
Making mercy a flood?
Who but the Lord could give life through a cross
Rescuing us?
Amazing are Your ways

Chorus

Bridge

All things are from You

All things are through You

O God, the great I AM

All things are for You

All things are to You

O God, the great I AM

Bible Reading – Luke 16:1-15 (NIV)

"Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' ³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' ⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ "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.'"⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'"⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light."⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings."¹⁰ "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."¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.¹⁵ He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight."

Announcements 5/3/23

Focus for March – Connecting As our church grows it is easier for people to fall through the cracks. Which is why the work of connecting with others is the focus for this month. Many of our people have been doing that this weekend on our church Camp, spending the whole day or the whole weekend in fellowship with each other. If you weren't able to make it this weekend you might consider how you might play your part this month to connect with some of the other members of our congregation.

Camp Weekend. With over 140 of our regulars away on camp today, there will be lots and lots of gaps. Maybe you might look around and see what needs to be done and have a go at doing it. In particular there are newer people to welcome and conversations to be had after Church. We will not be having morning tea or supper at Charlestown so why not stay in Church a bit longer today?

Swansea SRE. Is there anyone interested in the work of SRE in our local schools? If so there is a BBQ at Swansea Baptist Sun 5th march @ 5pm to discuss the work of SRE in 2023. See Stephen for more details.

Moving Boxes. If anyone has any moving boxes they would be happy to lend, then please see Sam Collyer.

Upcoming Dates

- Lords Supper at all three services on Sunday 12th March.
- Kids Church Training – Sunday 19th March. More details to come
- Ladies Event – Saturday 25th March
- Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday 26th March from 11:30am
- Family Fun Day – Sunday 2nd April

Kids Talks. If anyone would like to be on the roster to do a kids talk about once every two months, could you please see Jon.

PWA Rally. Called to Serve @ East Maitland Presbyterian Church on Thursday 16th March 2023 from 11am. Bring a sandwich lunch. For more details Bev Paterson 0409 571 141

Giving @ Church. Did you know that as a Church we gave away \$30,563 in 2022 to missions and Christian care relief? This money went to our \$20,400 to our four link missionaries, \$800 to Ukraine, \$500 to the Lismore floods, \$1263 to TEAR, \$4,550 to Vanuatu mission and \$900 to Operation Christmas Child. That was over 9% of our offerings received. A truly great effort!

Church Seating. While it has been great having lots of people at our morning services, most of the spare seats are towards the front of the church. To make things easier for those who are new, or possibly arriving late, it would be most helpful if we could fill up the seating from the front of the building, and move towards the middle of each row, also allowing space on the aisle. The back row of seating is made available for families with young children.

Day Off. Our ministers are always available in an emergency but Jon tends to take Thursdays off and Stephen Saturday so if you could avoid contacting them on those days, they would appreciate it.

Children's Worker (approx. 8-10 hours a week). We are currently looking for a person who is willing to be our Children's Worker from term 2, 2023. This is a paid position and is for 10 hours a week. It will involve

overseeing our kids work, training our children's volunteers, and helping, supporting and encouraging those who are involved in these ministries. For a full job description and for details of our remuneration package see Jon or Stephen.

Church Bank Account. If you would like to support our Church financially, the best way is to prayerfully decide what amount you are going to give each week and then organise a regular direct debit to Charlestown Presbyterian BSB 062 829 A/c 1019 4850.

Bible Reading – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NIV)

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Pastoral Prayer Points

Pray for our world: Pray the Lord would look with compassion on the world that lies in wickedness. Pray the prince of this world would be cast out, who has blinded people's minds. Let the people praise you, O God; yes, let all the people praise you!

Pray for Sri Lanka: Pray for physical and relational healing after a generation of civil war. Pray for the freedom of religious expression without proposed anti-conversion laws. Pray for growth and maturity for the indigenous Church.

Prayer for married couples: Pray they would seek one another's welfare and that of the wider community. Pray they would bear one another's burdens. Pray the love of Christ would drive their actions and our marriages and families would be a picture of the gospel.

Song – I'd rather have Jesus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nSYQCizijk

1. I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands;
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

2. I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame;
I'd rather be true to His holy name

Refrain:

Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

3. He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs;
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

Sermon – Switching the price tags - Stephen T

A number of years ago a group of college students pulled a prank. They somehow found their way into a Walmart store in America and began to switch the price tags around. So items that should cost \$100 were being sold for a \$1 and items that weren't worth more than \$1 were being sold for \$100. And people were really fooled. Some thought because it was so expensive they must be getting something valuable and others walked past the valuable items thinking they must be pieces of junk. But some were very savvy and picked up a bargain.

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Tony Campolo in his book "Who switched the price tags" claims that the devil has come to this world and mixed up our values completely. Satan has told us all that the most valuable things in the world are actually cheap junk. And he has persuaded most of us that the junk is what we should spend our lifetime pursuing. The things of this earth, Satan says, have real value whereas the things of eternity are not worth pursuing at all.

But Jesus says to us no, be savvy, be shrewd. He wants us to know that money is not the best indicator of value. Instead, we should know the power of money, know the value of money and know that money really is a test.

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For in Luke 16, *"Jesus told his disciples."* So he is specifically talking here to the believer and he will talk about being shrewd with what we have been given. But please notice that in the background, the Pharisees are also listening. Look at v 14, *"The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus."* So, in this parable Jesus is doing two things: he is teaching the believer and warning the unbeliever of money. And he begins by saying be

1. Shrewd (verses 1-9)

"Jesus told his disciples: 'There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions.² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'"

Now we are not sure what the manager was doing wrong but it seems he was looking after his own interests rather than the interests of his boss. In verse 8 he is even called dishonest. So, was he taking some money under the table, or charging excessive interest perhaps, or just being wasteful in how he ran the business? We are not told. But whatever he is doing it is bad enough to get the sack. He was about to join the ranks of the unemployed.

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³ *"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig and I'm ashamed to beg: I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here people will welcome me into their houses.' "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. (Slide 5) He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "'900 gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'"*

What is the manager doing? He is using his master's wealth to get on the good side of his master's creditors. He knows he has been on a good wicket. And he doesn't want to become a common labourer. And so he gives these creditors massive discounts, each around about 500 denarii, or the equivalent of a farm labour's wages for 18 months, about \$75,000 in today's terms. That's huge isn't it? Now these guys will be in the manager's debt. He has helped them out financially so they will be predisposed to help him out if and when he falls on hard times himself. It is the old you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours philosophy coming into play.

But not only that he has wedged his master into a difficult position. He knows his boss is a good man, a gracious man, that's why he was given time to present him with the books. That is why he wasn't just shipped off to prison immediately. He knows his boss has a tendency toward mercy and what he has done has enhanced his boss' reputation for being a good bloke. He has just given some of his biggest client's massive discounts. That will have generated enormous goodwill.

Which means the boss now has two options. He can explain to his clients what has really happened and make them pay the full amount, but that will mean there will be a lot of not so happy campers. Or the master can remain quiet, pay the price of his manager's discounts and continue to enjoy his reputation as a generous man. A reputation which was enhanced by this ruse of the manager, but not created by it.

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Now at the beginning of the last century, the car maker Henry Ford went to Dublin to trace his ancestry. While there someone asked him about donating to an old person's home. Ford was a Christian man and cared for the disadvantaged and so wrote out a cheque for \$1,000 which in those days was extremely generous. The next day there was an article in the newspaper which said Henry Ford had contributed \$50,000 to this old person's home. Which was a massive amount.

The following day, the shrewd representative of the old peoples home came to Henry Ford and showed him the article and said "Look you can either give me another \$49,000 or I can go to the newspaper and say there was a mistake, Henry Ford actually only gave us \$1,000." How shrewd is that? Ford wrote a cheque out for the rest of the money on the one condition that above the door of the home, a scripture verse was place "*I was a stranger and you took me in*"

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⁸ *"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings."*

The manager was not commended for being dishonest. He was not commended for feathering his own nest but for being shrewd, cunning, resourceful. How he had made the best out of bad situation that he was in. Because he knew the power of money and was willing to exploit its power to remedy the difficult situation that he found himself in.

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So, in this Scripture we see Jesus encouraging his followers to be just as shrewd, just as resourceful, just as cunning. He wants us to use our worldly wealth, to use our time, to use the resources that we have been given to impact eternity, our eternity and other people's eternity. For we need to understand the power of money and time and the physical resources we currently have. And not clamber over having more of them but using them shrewdly.

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J. C. Ryle notes *"that a right use of our money in this world, from right motives, will be for our benefit in the world to come. It will not justify us. It will not bear the severity of God's judgement, any more than other good works. But it shall be evidence of our grace, which shall befriend our souls."*

It is like Jesus is saying to His disciples, *"The Pharisees use people to gain things. But you should use things to bless people."* He is saying someone has switched the price tags. Most people think that money is the key, status is the key, power is the key. And so they use these things to line their own pockets. But you are not to live that way, because Jesus himself didn't live that way. He was rich beyond measure but became poor for us. So use what you have been given to minister to others and affect their eternity.

Because whether we think about it or not, we are like that dishonest manager. We have been caught doing the wrong thing. We are sinners where our sin has been found out by our heavenly master. And one day soon he is going to open up all the books so that everything we have done will be open for all to see. Wow, that is not going to be a pretty sight. So friends wake up. Be prepared. And in the meantime, make the most of what you have been given so that you will be ready for when Jesus comes again.

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It's a bit like the story told of man shipwrecked on an unknown island. To his surprise, he found that there also a large tribe of people who shared his island and they treated him very well. In fact, they placed him on a throne and catered to his every desire. He was delighted but perplexed. Why such royal treatment? As his ability to communicate increased, he discovered that the tribal custom was to choose a king for a year. Then, when his term was finished, he would be transported to a particular island and abandoned.

Delight was now replaced by distress. This was effectively a death sentence! Then he hit upon a shrewd plan. Over the next few months, he sent members of the tribe to clear and till the other island. He had them build a beautiful house, furnished it, and planted crops. He sent some chosen friends to live there and wait for him. Then, when his time of exile came, he was put in a place carefully prepared and full of friends delighted to receive him."

Friends we are not headed to a desert island, but to our heavenly Father's house. Yet the preparations we make here follow us there. Now please don't misunderstand Jesus when he says this. You can't buy your salvation with money. You can't purchase your children or your friend's salvation either. Jesus is not even saying that you can buy people's friendship.

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But notice how the crooked manager used his discounts to influence his customers so they would receive him favourably after he lost his job. In the same way, we should be using our money to influence people for Christ. We can spend our time, our effort, our homes, our intellect, our money on things that will have eternal consequences for both them and for us.

So I wonder if you are doing that? Am I doing that? Is this Church doing that? Are we spending money just on ourselves or our families or on mission, evangelism, training others in godliness? One will end up making us comfortable on this earth, the other will be preparing people for eternal life in heaven. How are we using our time? At work doing extra overtime to make more money? At home making what we own look at its dazzling best? Or in prayer, or with others, or in service, or in sharing our faith or encouraging others in faith?

Do you see the point Jesus is making in this parable? He is saying that since the people of the world are so intense in their way of life, why aren't my followers using that same intensity? If the crooks of the world will stop at nothing to make money, if the professional athlete will practice long and hard to become so good, why aren't we who are followers of Jesus as committed to him with such zeal, ambition, and dedication? Jesus is saying, why aren't you as shrewd for the Kingdom of God as the people of this world are shrewd in looking out for themselves?

Friends we need to be shrewd with what we have been given as individuals and the Church. How can I use my home? Maybe to invite my non-Christian neighbours around to dinner. How can I better use my money? I can look after my own needs but I also need to commit to the work of missions, high school SRE and evangelism. How can I make the most of my job, my brain, my training? By thinking through how those skills can be used to advance both my career and to advance the kingdom.

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Let me give you an example. At Assembly a few years ago, there was a guy who has just left his job to work for a mission organisation. Was he a doctor, a teacher, a minister? No, he worked for Telstra, specialising in

mobile phone apps. He is now developing apps for the smart phones that will soon be all over the developing world so that people can hear the gospel in their own language. See the Bible stories from their own mobile phone.

It's called 5 fish. Just like the little boy used his 5 fish and 2 loaves of bread to feed thousands, he is using his small talents to reach the world. Now that's smart, that's shrewd even. And we in the Church need to be smart, shrewd in the way that we use our buildings, our money, our resources. Not to make ourselves more comfortable but to impact eternity.

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2. Be Shrewd and (secondly) Serve (verse 10-14)

¹⁰ *"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. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches and if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"*

Do you get what Jesus is saying? The way we use our money is a test? The way we use our time and abilities is a test. Your life can achieve so, so much more than what it is achieving. Because God has more to give you tomorrow if you are found faithful today.

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Are we currently faithful? Will we be found to be trustworthy? I typed my salary into the how rich am I website on the internet and it says that my wage is in the top 5% of this world. I am richer than 95% of the people in this world. But the internet also tells me that if you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent in the world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, or spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8 percent of the world's wealthiest people. I think that this would include most of us in here today.

So you and I are rich. Incredibly rich. But do we realise that what we have is not our own. It was given to us by God. We have it now in trust. And how we use what we have now, will determine whether we are given more in the future. And how we use what we don't really possess now will determine whether we will get our own riches in eternity. Cause it's a test.

You know when you were little your parents put you on a bike with training wheels. And why you had proved to them you could ride well enough with those training wheels, you got to ride a real bike. When you are old enough to get your license for your car, your L Plates and later after you passed a test you get your P plates. And after a few years of safe driving, you get a normal license. In the same way God gives us money as a test. A test to see if we are capable of being trusted with something far more valuable.

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You see someone has switched the price tags on us. We think that money is the most valuable thing but God thinks people are. We think of a sturdy house and God knows it's a sure foundation. We think it's a nuclear family and God knows it's an extended Church family.

And friends we so often make excuses to God and to one another. We say we would be more generous if we had a bit more money. But you wouldn't. I would pray more if I had more time. You wouldn't. I would go to church more if things were different. You wouldn't. I would be faithful in my marriage if I had a different wife. You wouldn't. If others forgave me more, I would forgive them more. You wouldn't. For Jesus tells us here, if you are faithful in the little things, you will be faithful in the bigger things. And if we are found to be faithful in seemingly small things, God Himself will give us much bigger responsibility in the future.

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For ¹³ *“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”* You get it? You and I have been given money, skills, loved ones, possessions and what we put first shows us what we love the most. But remember the wise words of Henry Fielding, “Make money your god and it will plague like the devil!”

So how can we apply this principle to our lives and to this churches’ life? Well, each one of us should be investing in God’s kingdom, the only thing that will generate a sure eternal reward. By supporting your local church, by giving to missions, by using it to care and show compassion to people doing it tough, all in the name of Jesus. And that’s what our church should be doing as well. Making the most of our resources so that they will reach the lost. Modelling the gospel and godliness. Being generous with what we have been given and using it to lift high the name of Jesus. Before he comes again.

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3. Be shrewd, serve and lastly **single-minded** (verse 14-15)

¹⁴ *“The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.”*

God knows our hearts. God knows what we are really pursuing. God knows what we truly value and most of what our world values is trash. It may look expensive in a department store but someone has switched the price tags. And its worth absolutely nothing. So, we need to know the value of money. In itself it doesn’t have much value so there is no use storing it up but it does have great purchasing power. So use it purchase the most important things in life. Use it grow the things that God values and that we should value as well.

Do you know that for the cost of a happy meal, a Christian hospital in Tanzania can care for the needs of a child for a whole day. For the price of 10 litres of fuel, Christian Blind Mission can restore the sight of a blind woman. For \$5,000 you can buy a used car or you could plant a Church in India. So spend your money on things you value – your family and the worldwide Church family, your needs and their needs, on the things that keep you alive and the things that give others life, life to the full, eternal life.

One Puritan once said, “Our problem is that we love the world, and we use the Lord.” Which means that we’ve got it completely backwards. Instead, we need to love the Lord, and use the world. In other words, the worldly things, the temporal things, the resources that God has given to us, those are simply means to be used. The thing that we really love is the Lord.

Friends, be shrewd, be sure to serve and be single minded. Because sometime soon a crisis will come, and in the meantime, God wants us to make the most of what he has given us. To build blessings that will last for eternity.

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Dr. James Dobson tells a story that I think will help conclude this passage. He says, “When my daughter Danae, was a teenager, she came home one day and said, ‘Hey Dad!’ There’s this great new game out. I think you’ll like it. It’s called MONOPOLY.’ I just smiled.

We gathered the family together and set up the board. It didn’t take long to figure out that Dad had played this game before. I soon owned all the best properties. My kids were squirming, and I was loving every minute of it.

About midnight I bought the last property and did a little victory dance. My family wasn’t impressed. They went to bed and made me put the game away. As I began putting all my money back in the box, an empty feeling came over me. Everything that I had accumulated was gone. The excitement over riches was just an

illusion. And then it occurred to me, “Hey, this isn’t just the game of monopoly that has caught my attention; this is the game of life. You struggle to get ahead, but then one day the game ends. It all goes back in the box. You leave this world with nothing, just as you came into it.....”

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Friends if that is true, we need to send our riches on ahead of us. We need to be shrewd to think through what the best long-term investments really are. We need to be sure that God will test us with our current possessions and we need to single-mindedly love God more than anything else. In short we need to be like Jesus. Who was rich but became poor in order to deliver us into true riches.

True riches. Be wary of that the price tags says that things are worth. God’s word will show you what is truly worth. So how will you express how rich you are this week?

Song – Consider Christ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TH1YlfxqbuQ>

1. Consider Christ, the source of our salvation
That he should take the penalty for me
Though he was pure, a lamb without a blemish;
He took my sins and nailed them to the tree

Chorus

My Lord and God
You are so rich in mercy
Mere words alone are not sufficient thanks.
So take my life, transform, renew and change me
That I might be a living sacrifice

2. Consider Christ, the source of our salvation
That he should take the penalty for me
Though he was pure, a lamb without a blemish;
He took my sins and nailed them to the tree

Chorus

3. Consider Christ, for death he has defeated
And he arose, appeared for all to see
And now he sits at God’s right hand in heaven
Where he prepares a resting place for me.

Closing. *“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Luke 16:13)*