



BIG *Little* LIES

YOU ARE WHAT YOU HAVE

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Have you ever felt like your identity is wrapped up in what you have? Our world and culture tells us that our “stuff” defines our identity. We are fighting against powerful forces that are trying to convince us of this lie. Today we look at an interesting parable where Jesus teaches us what we are supposed to do with what we have.

1. Have you ever bought something because you thought owning it would make you more important...happy...popular? Share.
2. **READ Matthew 6:20.** Why is it foolish to build up treasures on earth? Why do you think we do it?
3. **READ Luke 16:1-9.** This parable is surprising in its overall meaning. Discuss what this parable says to you.
4. **READ Luke 16:9.** We are to make wise use of our resources, not to earn heaven, but so that heaven will be a welcome experience for those we help. Has anyone ever used their resources to point you to Jesus? Share.

BIG IDEA: Use whatever you have to help people move toward Jesus!

WHAT TO DO WITH WHAT WE HAVE

1. Reminder.

God owns in all. READ 1 Chronicles 29:14.

2. Request.

Ask, “Lord, show us what to do with what we have.” READ Luke 16:10-12. God calls us to be honest even in small details. Heaven’s riches are far more valuable than earthly wealth.

3. Reset.

Reset your priorities. READ Luke 16:13. No amount of money can provide health, happiness or eternal life. But when we allow God to be our Master, He offers eternal security both now and forever.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Share an example of when you used limited resources to reach a larger goal.
2. How can you use the resources you have to help people move toward Jesus?
3. What's more important to you: more stories, or more stuff? Why?

COMMIT TO MEMORY—*“Here’s the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.”* Luke 16:9 (NLT)