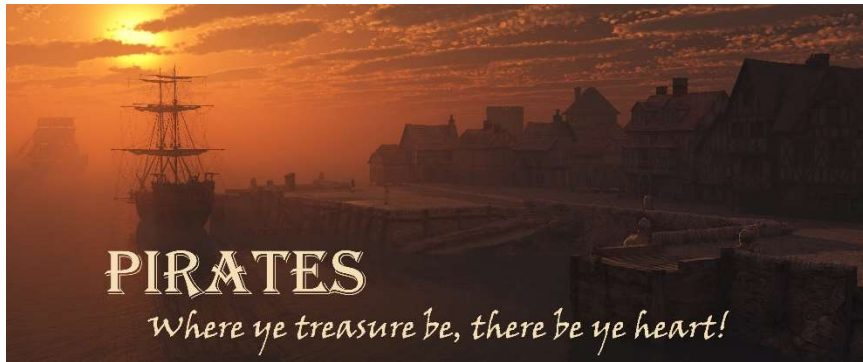




Message 3: "X Marks the Spot"

Week of January 20, 2019

Memorize.

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

Luke 16:9

Open.

What do you hope future generations of your family might remember about you?

Study.

If you had the opportunity to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions or conflicts did it raise for you, if any?

Agree or Disagree? The ways that we use and relate to money and possessions are foundational to our spiritual growth and development.

Read Luke 16:1-15

Of what was this manager accused of (verse 1)?

What specific actions did the rich man take in response (verse 2)?

What does Jesus want to reveal about this manager by providing insight (verses 3-4) into the manager's internal conversation?

The expression "houses" (verse 4) means "businesses." How did this manager specifically act (verses 5-7) to insure future employment?

Jesus says that the master commended the manager (verse 8). Why? Didn't his actions further diminish the rich man's wealth?

What statement did Jesus intend his listeners to hear by the contrast he drew in verse 8?

What goal did Jesus say we should pursue in our use of worldly wealth (verse 9)? How do you understand it?

Note Jesus' conclusive statement in verses 10-12. What are "true riches"? What is Jesus then implying by paralleling "true riches" with "property of your own"?

Why can't we "serve" both God and money (verse 13)?

In what ways might we perversely attempt to "justify ourselves in the sight of others" by our use of money?

What did Jesus intend us to understand by the final indictment of verse 15?

Are you living for the dot or for the line? Are you investing your money only for temporal returns, or for eternal ones as well?

How do you personally want to respond to what we have discussed?

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