

October 26 Answers

- 1) The parable of the dishonest manager teaches us: 1) a final reckoning is coming, and we must act **now** in order to be prepared; 2) our money can be used to bring others into the Kingdom (e.g., **tithing**, giving to **missions**, **supporting** those who labor for the Kingdom, being **hospitable**, etc.; Gal 6:6; 3 John 1:8). These brothers and sisters will encourage and **support** us as we follow Christ, and at the judgment, they will bear witness that we used our money wisely; 3) only those who show themselves trustworthy with very **little** (earthly riches which are passing away) will be trusted with much (eternal riches); 4) serving **God** means using our money to advance the Kingdom, while serving **money** means hoarding our wealth and spending it on ourselves. The parable of Lazarus and the rich man teaches us: 1) those who are **wealthy** are not necessarily right with God. Indeed, the **poor** are more likely to be righteous, for it is hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom; b) there is a real place of **torment** that awaits the wicked. It is full of **fire**, **thirst**, and **darkness**, and those trapped within gnash their teeth in an anguish of **memory** and regret; c) there is a real place of **peace** that awaits the righteous. It is full of **comfort**, **joy**, and good things, and those who rest there are filled with happiness and **delight**; d) the key to convincing the ungodly to repent is the truth of God's Word, not a supernatural **event** or **sign** (Luke 16:30; 1 Sam 28:8–25). People reject God, not because they can't see the light, but because the light reveals their **sin**.