**Parable of the Shrewd Manager**

Luke 16:1-15

What is my attitude toward money and possessions? Do I treat everything in my possession as having been entrusted to me by God?

**Wesley’s guide for money:**

1. **Make all you can.**
* Is my income honest and ethical?
* Do I work wisely and diligently?
* Do I sacrifice my health or family for the sake of money?
1. **Save all you can.**
* Am I aware of everything I’m spending or have I been wasteful?
* Do I buy things that are unnecessary and excessive?
* Do I buy things for the status they give me or to keep up with an expected standard of living?
* What do I currently have or spend money on that I can do without?
1. **Give all you can.**
	* Do I make giving a priority in my budget, intentionally limiting my expenses so that I may have enough to give?
	* In what ways am I (or will I be) intentional about giving?

**Suggestions for Giving**

**Salvation Army (centralusa.salvationarmy.org)**Provides material help and services to people in all kinds of need, from housing, overcoming addiction, youth programs, and disaster relief from a Christian perspective.

**Together for Good (tfgood.org)**Offers tangible opportunities to come alongside vulnerable children and isolated parents. Provides short-term hosting of children and social and educational opportunities for parents. There is currently an urgent need for host families.

**World Hope International (worldhope.org)**The humanitarian arm of the Wesleyan Church works internationally through disaster relief, economic development, child sponsorship, improving global health, infant mortality, etc.

**Waite Park Church Benevolence Fund (waiteparkchurch.org/give)**Our fund specifically dedicated to financial assistance to people inside (in the form of grants and loans) and outside (gas and food cards and other helps) the Waite Park Church family. Money designated to the Benevolence Fund is set apart for this purpose.

**Second Harvest Heartland (2harvest.org)**Supplies food to organizations like food banks. Because of the power of bulk purchasing, by far the most effective way to help is through giving financially.

**Every Meal (formerly Sheridan Story) (everymeal.org)**Combats food insecurity by providing weekly groceries to school children delivered directly to their school locker.

**Arrive Ministries (arriveministries.org)**Provides material, social and spiritual support to immigrants and refugees.