

This week Dr. Baucom continues his 8-week sermon series, *In and Out*, with his sermon, “*In The Mall, But Not Of It*,” based on **Luke 16:1-14**, Dr. Baucom will use the praxis process of action and reflection as we explore how we manage our financial resources.

1. Think about the way you spend your money. If someone saw what you invested your money in last month, what might they learn about what was important to you?
2. **Read and reflect on Luke 16:1-14.** Sit with this passage for a few minutes. Listen for what God might be highlighting for you. Is there a word or phrase that stands out to you? Sit with it. Now read this passage again, aloud.
 - Read **verses 1 & 14**. Who was Jesus speaking to?
 - The “people of the world” (**verse 8**) are said to be more shrewd than the “people of light” (disciples). What does this say to us as Christ’s disciples about how we use the resources we are given?
 - In **verse 9**, what do you think Jesus was trying to help his disciples understand about the use of money? What does He challenge us to learn from the shrewd manager’s managerial style?
 - What do you think Jesus is trying to help his disciples (us) understand is the link between the use of money and our spirituality?
 - Last week Dr. Baucom spoke about priorities. How might this passage speak to Jesus’ disciples about priorities they/we might set in our lives?
 - Think about developing a practice of praxis for your use of money. How might this passage begin to shape your thought process?
3. Would those around you see that you are a follower of Jesus because of your gracious giving practices? Would God take note?

4. **Read and reflect on 1 Timothy 6: 5-10 & 16-19.** Spend several minutes meditating on this passage. Rest here for a moment.
 - What does Paul say about the deceitful way we might regard financial gain?
 - What might be the danger of pursuing financial gain as an end unto itself?
 - Where are we encouraged to seek gain? Why?
 - How can your discoveries influence the development of a practice of praxis?
5. Read **Luke 19:12-26**, the parable of the ten minas.
 - Reflect on this parable, and ask God to reveal what it might say to you about how you invest the resources that God has bestowed upon you.
 - How does this parable challenge you about how you are living now? Any changes you might want to make?
 - Be ready to share with your IG what God has shown you.
6. **Read Matthew 22:17-22.** How does this passage encourage us to prioritize?
7. **Read Mark 10:17-23 & Luke 18:18:23.**
 - What does this verse say God asks of us?
 - Where does Jesus say our treasure is to be placed?
8. After reading **Mark 12:41-43 and Luke 21:1-4**, reflect on all Jesus saw and why Jesus raises the widow as a model for her offering.

Share with your IG what you have learned about the praxis process and how you might use it to make changes in the way you invest your financial resources for the Kingdom’s benefit.