

# NWC Questions

FOR PERSONAL STUDY & SMALL GROUPS - NOV. 6, 2016

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## “Faithful Stewards of God’s Generosity Toward Us” JOF 2017 (Pt. 2)

### Read Luke 16:1-13

1. Let’s play an ice breaker game as we begin. The game is called First Word. The way you play is you find one person in your group and you will say a word to them and they are suppose to say out loud the first word that comes to their minds. So for example you say "blue" and they immediately say "sky." Pick someone in the small group who doesn't mind being the center of attention and will provide fun answers. Here's your list of words. Save the word "Money" till the end.

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| 1. Octagon                         | 5. Golf      | 8. Little Debbie |
| 2. Fog                             | 6. Election  | 9. Cubs          |
| 3. Shrewd                          | 7. Christmas | 10. Money        |
| 4. North Carolina State University |              |                  |

**Discus** some of the more interesting word choices and be sure to ask why they choose the word they did for the word "Money."

2. Read Luke 16:1-9. Jesus says, the master commended him for his shrewdness. He planned for his future and wisely used the resources at his disposal to make his future better. How is our future as believers different from this dishonest steward and how is Jesus instructing us to respond to this story? (V.9)

3. Place yourself in the position of the debtors in our story. How would you respond to the discount off the loan? How would you feel toward the guy who made it happen?

4. Robin Hood stole from the rich to give to the poor. How is the ethic of "the ends justify the means" problematic for Christians? Is it possible for us to determine the outcome of any situation? How does this undermine trust in God? (for those who have intellectuals who would like to explore more on this subject you can reference them to this article published by Mark Liedberbach on the ethics of torture (<https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2010/01/mark-liederbach-on-torture>)).

5. Read I Timothy 6:9-10 – Where does the allure of money find it's greatest temptation for you? How do you see Jesus' commands to be generous with your money as a good remedy toward your temptation?

6. How does the virtue of sacrifice find it's way into your investment strategies? Do you struggle at all with seeing it as a virtue?

7. Spend time praying that God would sever any idolatry that we have toward our money and that He would help us to be the most generous people on earth.