

# October

Express appreciation for the ones who have been there for you in your life's most important events.



## Clergy Appreciation Month



A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. - Ecclesiastes 4:12 New Living Translation



## *Laitiy Acknowledgement Month*



*2022 – Rise up and Reveal God's Grace*  
*2023 – Rise up and Remain Committed to Lord's Teaching*  
*2024 – Rise up and Retain the Spirit's good & beautiful things*

**A**ll God's People in  
**A**ll Places,  
**A**nd in  
**A**ll Times,  
**A**re Called to Love  
**A**nd to Serve.



Ministry of the Laity



**LAITY  
SUNDAY  
2021**

**2 TIMOTHY 1:3-7**

**RISE  
AND UP!  
REVIVE GOD'S GIFT.**





June 1, 2019  
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*“collegialism”*

**STILL  
NE**

standing  
transforming  
rising



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Find it, hide it, go and get it! You may need to sell all you have to acquire it

# Kingdomtide

1. Hidden Saving Stations Ubiquitous
2. Hidden Land Discovered
3. Hidden Extraordinary Found: Laity Sunday
4. Hidden Gifts Shared
5. Hidden Truth Proclaimed: Reformation Sunday
6. Hidden Legacy Kept: Pledge Sunday
7. Hidden Potential Revealed: Thanks-in-Giving
8. Hidden King Honored: Christ the King

## Hidden Treasures

Sermon Series for Faithful Stewardship



"The kingdom of heaven is like **treasure hidden in a field.** When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field."

Matthew 13:44



# Luke 16:1-15

## An Issue between An Owner and A Manager



Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

Luke 16:1-2

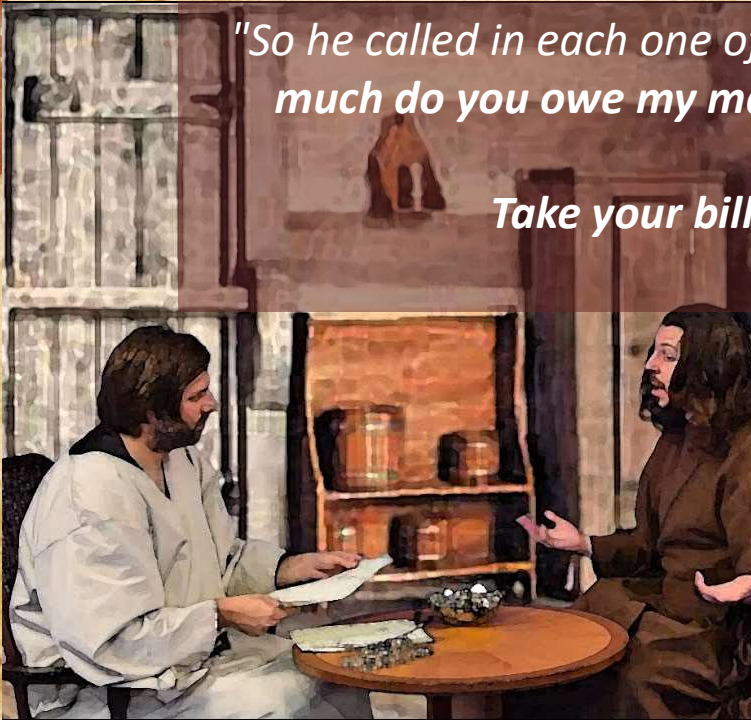


# Luke 16:1-15

## The Shrewd Manager Keeps the Job

*"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. 'The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.'"*

*Luke 16:5-6*






# Luke 16:1-15

## Can You Cancel the Debt?



BE  
MERCIFUL,  
JUST AS  
YOUR  
FATHER IS  
MERCIFUL.

LUKE 6:36



DO NOT JUDGE, *and you will not be judged.*  
DO NOT CONDEMN, *and you will not be condemned.*  
FORGIVE, *and you will be forgiven.*  
*Luke 6:37*





# Luke 16:1-15

## Luke's Interest in The Role of the Wealthy

*The Good Samaritan – Luke 9:25-37*

*The Rich Fool – Luke 12:13-21*

*The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32*

***The Shrewd Manager – Luke 16:1-15***

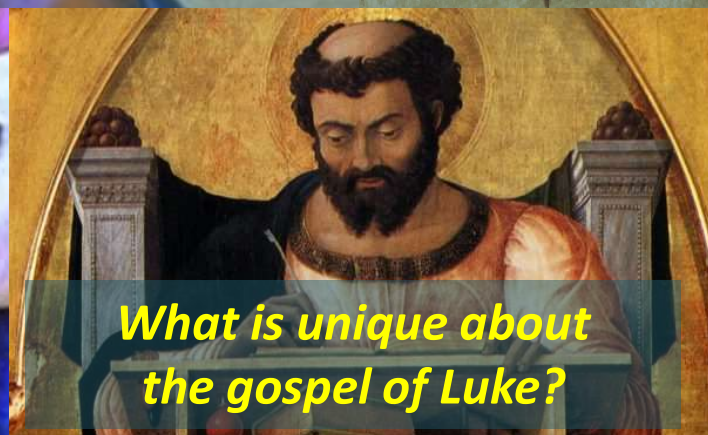
*The Rich Man and Lazaus – Luke 16:19-31*

*The Rich Ruler – Luke 18:18-30*

*Zacchaeus the Tax Collector – Luke 19:1-10*

*The Parable of Ten Minas – Luke 19:11-27*

*The Widow's Giving – Luke 21:1-4*



**What is unique about the gospel of Luke?**



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**Hidden Treasure: The Magic in Giving**  
**Part 3. Hidden Extraordinary Found**



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**If you sell a product, to make \$1,000,000**

- You need 5,000 people to buy a \$200 product
- You need 2,000 people to buy a \$500 product
- You need 1,000 people to buy a \$1,000 product
- You need 500 people to buy a \$2,000 product
- You need 300 people to buy a \$3,333 product
- You need 200 people to buy a \$5,000 product
- You need 100 people to buy a \$10,000 product
- You need 50 people to buy a \$20,000 product
- You need 25 people to buy a \$40,000 product
- You need 5 people to buy a \$200,000 product

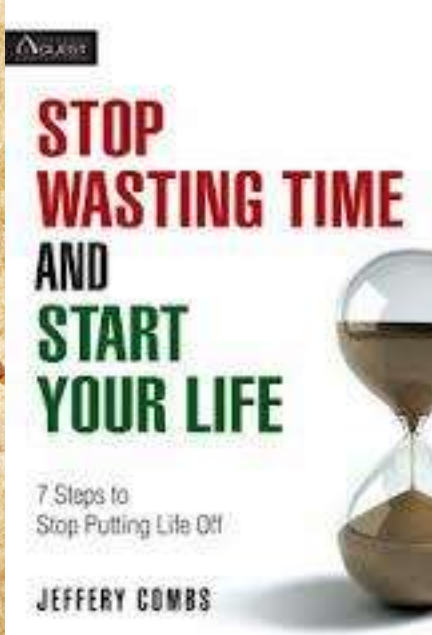
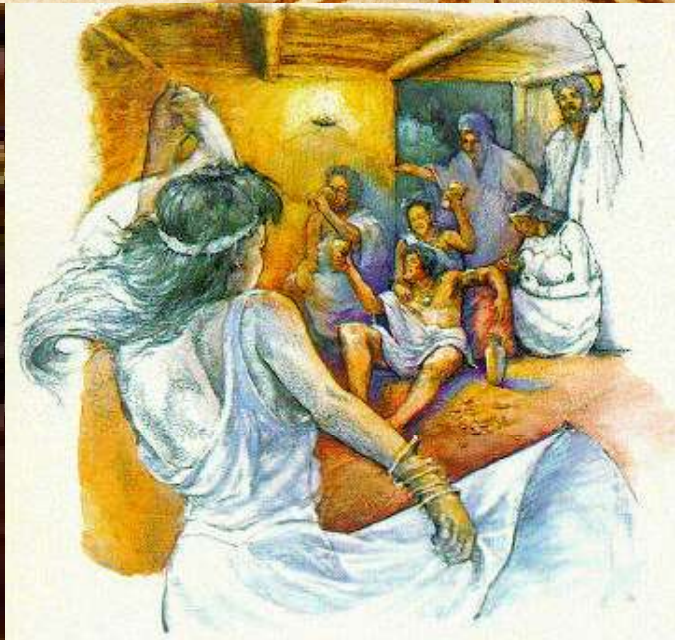
*It is not easy to make.*

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Luke 15: The Parable of Prodigal Son



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2. Manage the master's possessions well or you will lose your job!

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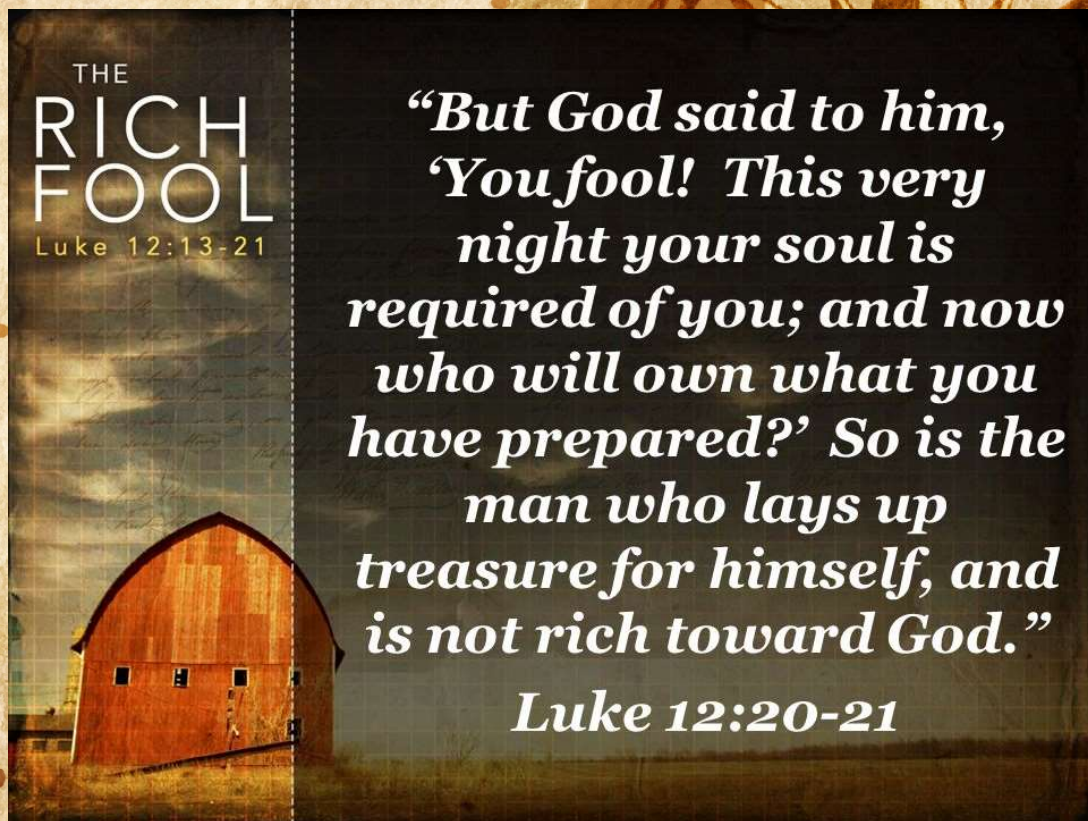
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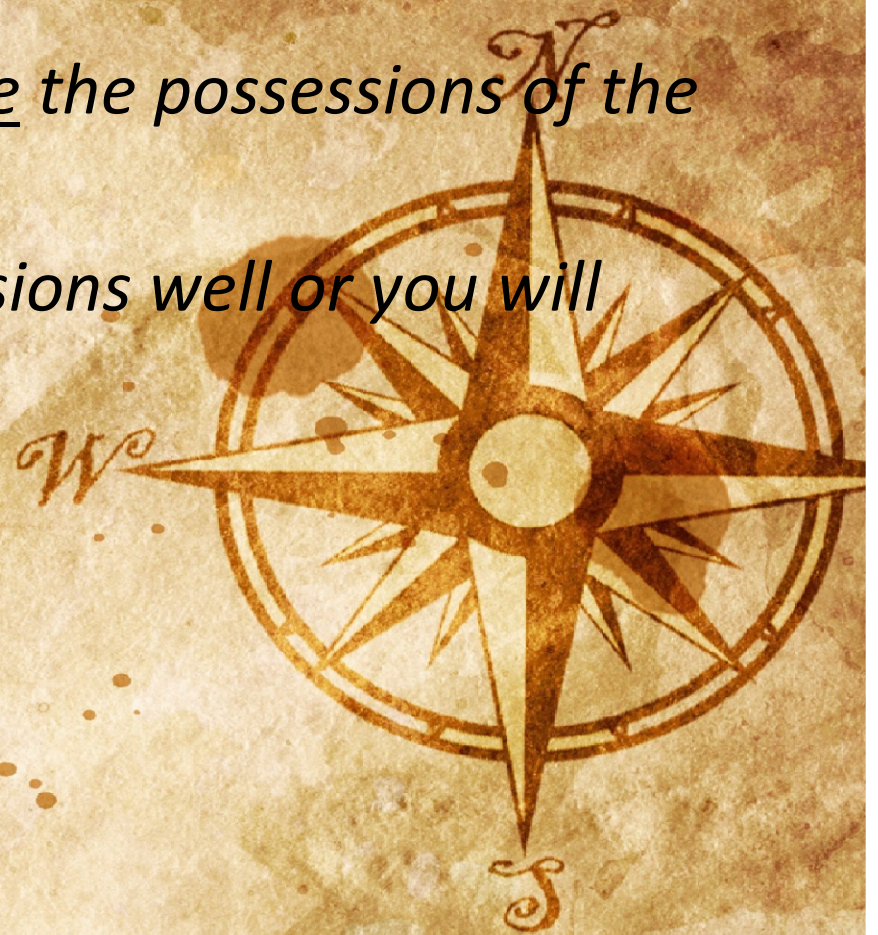
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Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I don’t tell you until seven times, but, until seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:21-22



**FORGIVE**

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But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

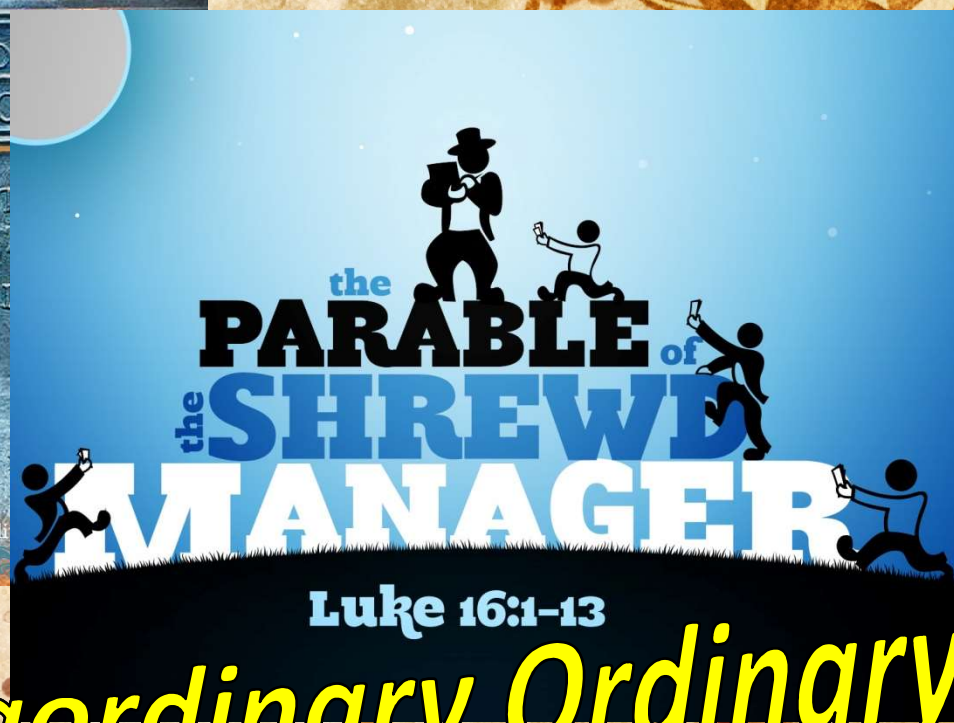
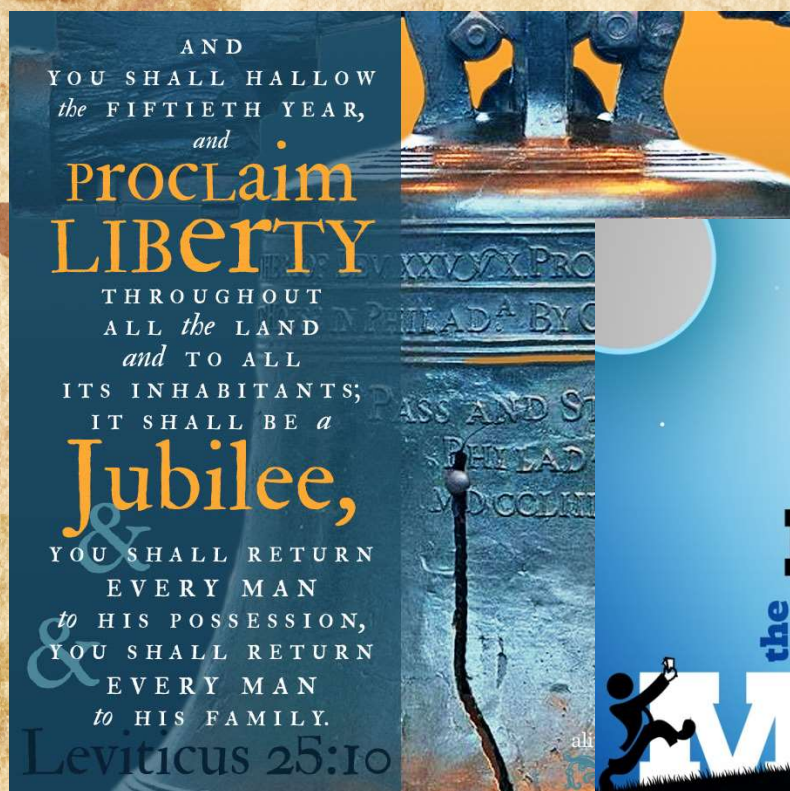
**1 Peter 2:9**



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*Be the Extraordinary Ordinary!*

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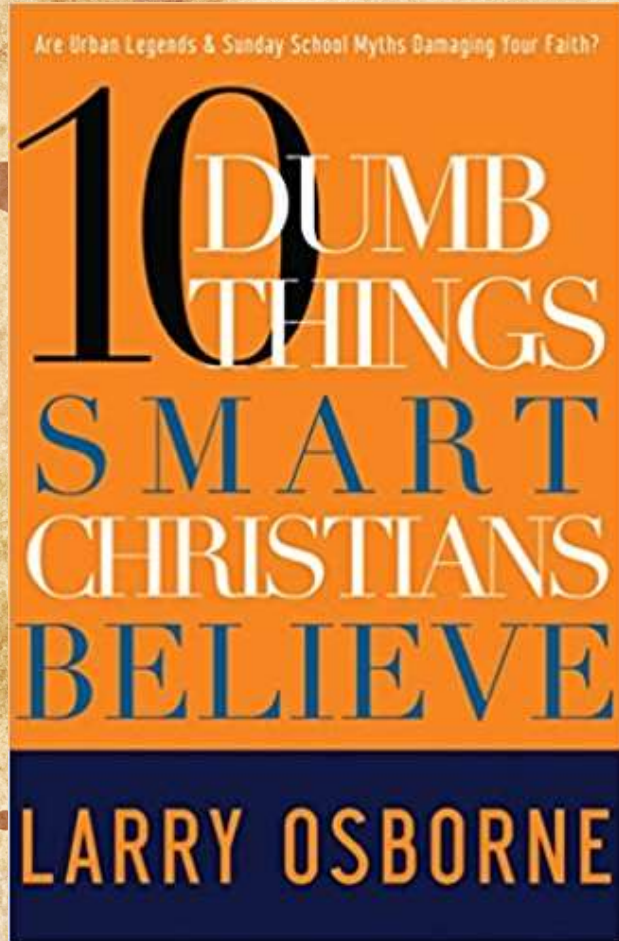
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Larry Osborne confronts ten widely held beliefs that are both **dumb and dangerous**, including:

- Faith can fix anything
- God brings good luck
- Forgiving means forgetting
- Everything happens for a reason
- A godly home guarantees good kids



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