

St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016—THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HELPING OTHERS WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN



Jesus wants us to remember that everything we do, say, or even spend money on has an effect on other people. How can you help others with what you do or say?

What can YOU DO TODAY that will be helpful, loving or kind?

**BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME:
THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS**

“No one can serve two masters; for you will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” Matthew 16:13

In our families, parents control the wealth—both earning, saving and using it. The decisions and priorities that parents make influence children both directly and indirectly. Directly, children receive belongings, necessities and luxuries, they receive food, clothing and shelter as the result of their parents using the wealth that they earn. Indirectly, children learn by the example of their parents, observing them as they decide on priorities and make decisions about how to put their money to use. In this Gospel passage, Jesus is reminding us that money, wealth and possessions are TOOLS. They should not be our MASTERS. We should use all of the tools we have to make the world a better place—to serve God.

Talk with your children about your money and how you use it. What are your priorities? What do you spend money on other than the obvious—shelter, food and clothing. How do you use your money to help others? How do you use your money to make the world a better place, to work for justice, help the environment? How do you serve the kingdom of God using your wealth as a tool?

Word Search Puzzle

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HELP, KINGDOM, LOVE, MONEY,
SERVE, SHARE, WEALTH

Dinner Table Conversation:

- If you had a million dollars, what would you do with it?*
- What did you spend money on today?*
- If you could buy only one toy/electronic device in a year, what would it be?*
- Tell about a time when you used your money to help someone else.*
- Tell about a time when you used your time to help someone else.*
- Tell about a time when you used your energy to help someone else.*