God's Perspective on Your Money and Stuff Andy Stanley

I. Introduction.
A. God cares about how a person uses his money and stuff.
B. It is difficult to hear what Jesus says about money because we do not think as Jesus thinks.
C. Text: Luke 16.
D. Christians should take a lesson from the world about shrewdness—put a little aside for something greater later.
II. The Bible looks at all material as a tool to get people into the kingdom of heaven.
A. We are to take our materials and use them in a way where we will reap an eternal reward.
B. The use of materials is a test.
1. If we cannot be trusted with a little, we cannot be trusted with "true riches."
2. What one does with his treasure tells where his heart is.
C. The use of materials is a trademark—it determines who owns you.
Application questions:
1. What materials do you find yourself having too strong of an attachment too?
2. What is the purpose of "stuff" according to the Bible?
3. How can you challenge yourself to use your stuff more freely this week for the kingdom? Explain.