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Jesus, The Problem Solver  
**The Problem With Intensity**

Luke 16:1-15  
Intro.

- A. One of the traits that our world applauds is intensity.
- B. There are times when we have to decide whether to quit or "just do it."
- C. In Jesus' parable today, He teaches about intensity for the kingdom of God.

**I. Jesus tells of a man who had intense creativity. Vs. 1-9**

- A. The shrewd manager used wealth to gain friends for a temporary reward.
- B. Jesus is not approving his behavior but pointing out a truth.
- C. The point: As Christians we need to be just as wise in advancing the kingdom of God.

**II. Jesus challenges us to intense honesty. Vs. 10-12**

- A. Christians need to raise the standard.
- B. As Christians, Jesus wants us to have an intense honesty.

**III. Jesus demands intense loyalty. Vs. 13-16**

- A. If there is a condemnation on the church as a whole it is the lack of loyalty.
- B. It would be amazing what the church could do if every Christian was serious about Jesus.