

“Offering an Eternal Perspective”

Luke 16:19-31

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LEARN

1. Read Luke 16:19-31. What was your biggest takeaway from the sermon?
2. What is the contrast between the rich man and Lazarus in this parable, and what does it teach us about wealth and poverty?
3. Why is the chasm between the rich man and Lazarus significant, and what does it teach about final judgment?

PRACTICE

1. Both the poor and rich have temptations to fall into sin, what are they and how are they similar? Which one of these do you tend to struggle with more and describe what that's like. How can others help you?
2. Do you “see the Lazaruses” at your gate? (those in various types of needs around you) Describe what action you can take to demonstrate the love of Christ in those situations.
3. The parable teaches that poverty is no sign of God's displeasure, and that riches can be a deception of God's favor. Why is this so hard for us to not only comprehend, but to consistently believe? What truth do we need to be reminded of and live out by faith?

CHANGE

1. In the parable, the rich man begged for Lazarus to be sent to warn his brothers, but his request was denied because they already had the Word of God and refused to believe it. What does this reveal about our own hearts when we look for more than Scripture to change us (or someone else), and what must change if we realize we are neglecting the Word we already have?