



## With Eternity in Mind

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**READING:** Luke 16

Jesus teaches two parables in this chapter that remind us to live our one and only life with eternity in mind.

The dishonest manager was shrewd enough to use his limited time and opportunity to prepare for what was just ahead. Jesus teaches that we are not the owners of our earthly resources. We are only stewards for a short period of time. We should use our resources with eternity in mind.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is a study in contrasts. They were different in life, in death and in eternity. All the rich man enjoyed in this life meant nothing at his death. He had gained the world but lost his soul and the result was an agonizing judgment (vv. 23-24). This powerfully reminds us of the priority to show and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those we love and care about. Eternity is at stake!

Jesus' words challenge us, "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (vs. 13). Who or what am I serving today?

**PRAYER:** "Father, help me to live today with eternity in mind. Help me to use my time, energy and resources to serve You and impact others in a way that will matter for all eternity."

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Luke 17

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