

Luke 16:14-31
"Wrong Use of Wealth"

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1. Introduction

- a. Pharisees had greedy hearts
 - covetous = lovers of money
- b. Things highly valued among humans?
 - abomination in God's sight
- c. Comparison to heaven & earth destroyed
 - easier for world destruction
 - compared to Moses Law failure
 - * God's Law will endure forever
 - * God's prophecies will be fulfilled
 - * And heaven & earth will be destroyed
- d. God calls out men & women divorcing their spouses to marry someone else & committing adultery
 - cheating spouses
 - person coveting another couple's spouse
 - person coveting (loving) money above God & people
- e. Story of Rich Man & Lazarus to show Jesus' teaching on covetousness

2. There Were Two Men

- a. Lived side by side
- b. Rich man lived wealthy life
- c. Begger lived outside rich man's gate - Lazarus

3. Life Stories

- a. Rich man well fed & healthy
- b. Poor man covered in sores
 - * - he wanted crumbs from rich man's table
 - dogs licked his sores

4. Both Men Die

- a. Poor man goes to "Abraham's Bosom"
 - place of comfort
- b. Rich man lands on burning side of Hades
- c. Both see Father Abraham
 - Lazarus together with Abraham
- d. Great spatial divide between both men
 - neither man can cross over

5. Rich Man Pleads (Begs) Abraham

- a. Rich man wants Abraham to send Lazarus to his father's home
 - warn his brothers about the burning torment of hell
- b. Abraham warns him that his 5 brothers have Moses & the prophets
 - "let them hear the writers"
- c. But, but... they will repent if someone rises from the dead & goes to them
- d. Final comment from Abraham
 - those 5 brothers will not be persuaded
 - * even if someone rises from the dead
 - * they will not listen to Moses & the prophets

6. Jesus came alive from the dead

- Do you believe Jesus?