





Eternal Values in the Gospels



Explore the Gospel's teaching on wealth and eternity through the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus and discover what truly matters.



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Introduction

The Gospels present a transformative message about life, priorities, and the kingdom of God. Among the rich narratives Jesus shares, *the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus* in Luke 16:19–31 stands out as a powerful teaching on the dangers of worldly wealth and the eternal consequences of our choices.

In a world often obsessed with material gain and status, this parable serves as a sobering reminder that financial prosperity does not guarantee God's favor or eternal security. Jesus contrasts a rich man who lived in luxury with Lazarus, a poor man covered in sores, highlighting that their eternal destinies were dramatically different despite their earthly circumstances.

This study plan will guide you through the rich spiritual lessons contained in the Gospels, focusing on eternal values over temporary riches. You'll discover how Jesus calls us to a life of compassion, faith, and eternal perspective rather than earthly comfort and self-centered wealth. It's an invitation to reflect deeply on where we place our trust and what truly lasts beyond this life.

Join us over the next three days as we explore Scripture together, allowing the Spirit to shape our understanding of true wealth and what it means to live in light of eternity. May you be encouraged and challenged to embrace the Gospel's message fully.





Day 1: Seeing Beyond Earthly Riches



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Your Verse

Luke 16:19-31 NIV – The Story of the Rich Man and Lazarus

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 6:19-21 – "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven."*
- *James 2:5 – "God has chosen the poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom."*



Day 1:  Seeing Beyond Earthly Riches

Devotional: Wealth Is Temporary; Eternal Life Is Permanent

Luke 16:19–31 confronts a hard truth: the rich man’s wealth did not save him from judgment. Earthly riches can often give a false sense of security, but Jesus unveils that true wealth is measured by our heart’s condition and eternal destiny.

The rich man enjoyed every luxury and ignored the suffering at his gate. Lazarus, despite his poverty, was comforted in the afterlife. Jesus teaches us that abundance does not equal favor with God and that neglecting compassion and faith leads to tragic outcomes.

What does this mean for us today? We are reminded to look beyond the temporary and invest our lives in things that have eternal value: love, faith, kindness, and obedience to God’s Word. Our focus should not be on amassing wealth but on storing treasures in heaven through our relationship with God and how we treat others.

Reflect how your heart aligns with God’s kingdom values. Are you pursuing riches, status, or comfort? Or are you growing in faith and compassion that endure forever?



Day 1: ☐ Seeing Beyond Earthly Riches

Reflect and Apply

1. In what ways might I be placing my security in material wealth rather than in God?

2. How do I respond to the needs of those around me, especially the poor and suffering?

3. What eternal treasures am I actively storing up through my daily choices?



Day 1: ☐ Seeing Beyond Earthly Riches

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when you felt tempted to prioritize earthly possessions over spiritual growth.

2. Describe how you can practically show compassion to others this week.

3. List areas in your life where you want to grow in faith and dependence on God.



Day 1: 📖 Seeing Beyond Earthly Riches

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me see beyond the fleeting nature of wealth. Teach me to treasure what lasts—faith, love, and obedience. Open my heart to care for those in need and to walk humbly in Your kingdom ways. May I not be distracted by worldly gain but seek Your eternal favor and grace. Strengthen me to live a life pleasing to You, storing up heavenly treasures, and trusting fully in Your provision and justice. Amen. 🙏❤️📖





Day 2: ❤️ Compassion and Eternal Consequences



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Your Verse

Luke 16:19-31 NIV – Jesus illustrates compassion’s significance.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 14:31 – “Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker...”*
- *1 John 3:17 – “If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?”*



Day 2: ❤️ Compassion and Eternal Consequences

Devotional: Compassion Reflects Our Eternal Identity

The parable highlights the rich man's lack of compassion toward Lazarus, not just as poor but in need and suffering. This neglect had eternal ramifications. Jesus stresses that how we treat others, especially the vulnerable, speaks to our true spiritual state.

God's kingdom is upside down compared to earthly kingdoms. True greatness is shown in kindness and mercy, not hoarding wealth or status. Compassion reveals the heart of God working in us and prepares us for eternity.

Luke 16 warns that if we ignore the plight of others, we risk the same fate as the rich man who was separated from God. Our actions toward others have eternal significance, not simply social or economic implications.

Today, consider: Are your hands and heart open to the needs around you? Compassion builds bridges with God and aligns us with His eternal purposes. When we love others, we reflect Him and demonstrate readiness for eternal life.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does my treatment of others reflect my faith in God?

2. What barriers keep me from showing compassion to those in need?

3. How can showing compassion today impact my eternal standing before God?



Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a time you experienced or witnessed deep compassion. How did it affect you?

2. Identify a practical way to demonstrate compassion in your community this week.

3. Reflect on what it means to be 'rich toward God' rather than the world.



Day 2: ❤️ Compassion and Eternal Consequences

Prayer for Today

Father, soften my heart to be more compassionate like You. Open my eyes to the needs around me and give me courage to act. Help me love others as You love me, remembering that how I treat others matters eternally. Thank You for Your mercy and for calling me to participate in Your kingdom work. May my life be marked by kindness and grace today and always. Amen. ❤️ 🙌 ✨





Day 3: ⌚ Living with Eternal Perspective



Your Verse

Luke 12:15 NIV – "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 6:33 – "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*
- *2 Corinthians 4:18 – "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."*



Day 3: ⌚ Living with Eternal Perspective

Devotional: Fixing Our Eyes on Eternity

Jesus calls us to live with an eternal perspective, aware that earthly wealth and possessions can deceive us into trusting in things that will fade away. **Luke 12:15** warns us to guard our hearts against greed and misplaced priorities.

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus reminds us that life's true value is not measured by what we have but by our relationship with God and obedience to His kingdom principles. When we seek God's kingdom first, our lives gain eternal significance, and we can face the future with hope and confidence.

How then should we live each day? By valuing eternal things over temporary comforts. By generosity, faith, and humility. By preparing our hearts for eternity and not being distracted by earthly allurements.

Let today be a fresh start to live in light of eternity, ensuring our hearts and treasures are focused on what will last beyond this life.



Reflect and Apply

1. What distractions keep me from seeking God's kingdom first?

2. How can I practically apply an eternal perspective in my daily decisions?

3. What steps can I take to ensure my life reflects the values of heaven rather than earth?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about what it means to you to 'seek first God's kingdom.'

2. List ways you can shift your focus from temporary gains to eternal investments.

3. Reflect on what you want your legacy to be in light of eternity.



Day 3: ⌚ Living with Eternal Perspective

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, help me to keep my eyes fixed on eternity. Guard me from greed and distractions that pull me away from Your kingdom. Teach me to prioritize the unseen and eternal over the visible and fleeting. Strengthen my faith so I may live boldly and generously, storing treasures in heaven. May my life bring glory to You now and forever. Amen. ✨🙏📖





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