

Luke 16:19-31

1. Jesus spoke about money more than any other topic. He saw an inseparable link between our faith and our finances. Why do you think this is the case?

Read Luke 16: 10-15

2. These verses provide us with a context for this parable. What do they tell us about the perspective of the Pharisees on Jesus' teaching on money?
3. (15) "You justify yourselves" – meaning you point to something within yourself that proves you are right with God. The commentators tell us that their worldview was that if you obey God, if you are righteous, God will reward you with prosperity in this life and eternity in the next. Their wealth justified them, showed they were right with God. What would this worldview tell us about the person who lacked prosperity in this life? How would that lead the person with this worldview to treat such a person?

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4. In what ways would this parable completely undermine the worldview of the pharisees?
5. The parable reveals the impact of the love of money. What is the impact of the rich man's love of money on him? On his view and treatment of Lazarus?

