

Wealth to Woe: The Problem with Wannabe-Glorious

Luke 16:19-31

What is true, and what should Christians do?

Kingdom values stand opposed to the world's values, so shield yourself from self-righteousness and spiritual bankruptcy by faithfully obeying God's Word. Avoid the human mentality of 'wannabe-glorious' and hold fast to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His 'Kingdom victorious.'

- A. **Worldly** values **corrupt** the earth, but life after death will see God's **justice** (v. 19-24).
 - Affluence can lead to self-reliance and a callous attitude for the less privileged, and that is the way to spiritual disaster.
- B. Where you spend **eternity** is fixed by your **response** to God's Word on **earth** (v. 25-29).
 - In the afterlife, only two possibilities exist: happiness or suffering. By faith, do you believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- C. A refusal to **repent** demonstrates a stony heart and not a lack of **evidence** or **guilt** (v. 30-31).
 - There is no possibility of a second chance after death; the key to eternal happiness is repentance in this life.
 - Those who will not listen to Scripture are beyond help; even a miracle will not convince them. And they did not believe when the miracle of Jesus rising from the dead occurred.

Application:

- ✓ Hear God's Word, believe it by faith, and obey it. Turn from Sin, Repent, and Believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- ✓ You have a duty to meet human needs such as clothing, food, and shelter, which includes ministering to the poor and helpless with your God-given resources.
- ✓ Act on God's revelation and do not ask for signs. Walk in faith in all that you do. Love God and Love others.
- ✓ 'Material' wealth does not imply 'spiritual' wealth. A person who seems to "have it all" can be in spiritual poverty, but it is spiritual wealth that matters. Your 'stuff' & comfort won't matter in the end.

Want more about the "four last things" in the Bible?

Read today's passage alongside *Matthew 25:31–46*, which gives us Jesus's teaching on death, judgment, heaven, and hell.