

Using Money Wisely

Luke 16:19–31

Worldly Wealth

Verse 14

"The Pharisees (who loved money) heard all this and ridiculed him."

Verse 9

"And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by how you use worldly wealth, so that when it runs out you will be welcomed into the eternal homes."

Verse 11

"If then you haven't been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will entrust you with the true riches?"

The Pharisees

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Heritage Can't Save You

Verse 24

"Father Abraham!"

Luke 3:8–11

"Therefore produce fruit that proves your repentance, and don't begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that God can raise up children for Abraham from these stones! Even now the ax is laid at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." So the crowds were asking him, "What then should we do?" John answered them, "The person who has two tunics must share with the person who has none, and the person who has food must do likewise."

What about Today?

Galatians 5:6

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision carries any weight – the only thing that matters is faith working through love"

Why Is The Rich Man In Hell?

Verse 25

"Child, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus likewise bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in anguish."

Verse 26

"Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us."

Moses And The Prophets

Verse 29

"They have Moses and the prophets; they must respond to them."

Verse 30

"No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent."

The Response Is Astounding

Verse 31

"If they do not respond to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead"

Implications

The Words of Moses

Deuteronomy 6:5

You must love the Lord your God with your whole mind, your whole being, and all your strength.

Leviticus 19:18

You must love your neighbor as yourself.

The Words Of The Prophets

Jeremiah 9:23–24

The Lord says, "Wise people should not boast that they are wise. Powerful people should not boast that they are powerful. Rich people should not boast that they are rich. If people want to boast, they should boast about this: They should boast that they understand and know me. They should boast that they know and understand that I, the Lord, act out of faithfulness, fairness, and justice in the earth and that I desire people to do these things"

The Words Of The Apostles

1 Timothy 6:7–10

For we have brought nothing into this world and so we cannot take a single thing out either. But if we have food and shelter, we will be satisfied with that. Those who long to be rich, however, stumble into temptation and a trap and many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils. Some people in reaching for it have strayed from the faith and stabbed themselves with many pains.