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Chapters 15-16

- *Lost Sheep, Lost Coins, Lost sons*
- *Master & Dishonest Steward*



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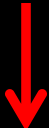
Mammon = material possessions

1. No one can serve 2 Masters
 2. If you aren't faithful with something as small & unrighteous as your material stuff, how on earth would God entrust you with His mysteries of TRUTH?
 3. EVERYTHING is God's anyway! We are but Managers!!
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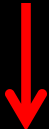
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Pharisees Real Issue

1. *Inwardly Dishonest = about their own heart*



2. *False sense of self = "I'm fine"*



3. *Outward focus = become moralistic = Judgmental*



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- *Prodigal wastes his fathers possessions*
 - *Dishonest Manager wastes his Masters possessions*
 - *Rich man wastes the possessions entrusted to him*
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- Luke 16:19



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Picture: Self-indulgent rich dude that doesn't care about anyone but himself

1. *Dressed in lavish purple robes*
 2. *Wore "fine linen"*
 3. *"Feasted sumptuously everyday"*
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- Luke 16:20-21



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Picture: Outside the gate of the self-indulgent rich man lay a sick, hungry beggar

1. *Name – Lazarus = the one whom God helps*
 2. *Always hungry*
 3. *Sick*
 4. *Poor*
 5. *“was laid at his gate”*
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Summary:

1. *Extremely wealthy man*
 2. *Living on an estate with a walled garden*
 3. *Dressed in the most expensive clothing available*
 4. *Had banquets DAILY ignoring Sabbath*
 5. *Feeding his vicious guard dogs to protect his property*
 6. *While Lazarus lay helpless, starving, in earshot of the whole thing*
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- Luke 16:22-25



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The rich guy does not speak to Lazarus

1. *“Father Abraham”*
2. *“have mercy on me”*

Bailey – “The person in the bakery cannot smell the fresh bread, and the clerk in a chocolate shop cannot smell the chocolate they sell. Even so with the pain of others. He saw Lazarus with his eyes but never with his heart”

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1 Cor. 13:4-7 - Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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Voices the cry of the Prophets: **REMEMBER**

1. *"You received good things"*
 2. *"Lazarus bad things"*
 3. *"He is comforted"*
 4. *"You are in anguish"*
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- Luke 16:26-31

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Some thoughts to chew on:

- 1. How do WE respond to both the grace AND the pain we receive in life?*
 - 2. How do we awaken our hearts to others?*
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