

## Luke 16:1-31 LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE END

*Knowing that something is going to end soon brings a new perspective. If you were given one week to live and a million dollars to spend, What would you do in a situation like that?*

### READ LUKE 16:1-9 INVESTING WHILE THERE'S TIME

3 Why did the master call for the manager of his property?

4 What was the manager's plan to salvage something ? How did he go about it ?

5 It seems strange that the master commended the manager. What was it that impressed him about his actions?

6a How can we `use worldly wealth to gain friends' ? What are the `eternal dwellings'?

### READ LUKE 16:10-18 USING WORLDLY WEALTH

7 How would you apply verses 10-12 in your life ? How can we prove our trustworthiness ?

8a) Why can't you serve two masters ?

b) Have you seen examples of how love of God and love of money clash? Share them with the group.

9 What was wrong with the Pharisees' approach to life ?

a) How will it show if you are trying to serve God and Money?

The place of v16-18 & it's relation to the rest of the chapter is a little uncertain. There is a link with the Pharisees & the OT Law. Also the Law gives teaching on how to use money in a right way eg Tithing, etc. But maybe as marriage is a model of Jesus & His people the church (Ephesians 5:22-33) – v18 could be saying don't turn from the bride Jesus & marry another , money???

### READ LUKE 16:19-31 HOW TO INFLUENCE PEOPLE

10 How does Jesus sharply contrast the rich man and Lazarus' ?  
during their lives

after death

11 Some people say everyone gets a second chance after death , basically that the Catholic doctrine of Purgatory exists. What does v26 say about that? and what's at stake?

12a What did the rich man think would convince his brothers to avoid hell ?

b What does Abraham say should have convinced them ?

13 What does that mean for How to influence others for Jesus?

14 If we believe that it is God's word that has the power to change non-believers lives, what should we do about it, and how will it show in our actions?

15 If you really believed Jesus could return at any time, how would it affect -  
how you use your time  
how you spend your money  
where you put your energy

16. Are you shrewdly using your money in the light of the end? What changes do you need to make to be doing that more effectively?

Spend time praying for friends that are heading for a Christ less future.  
Pray for our church finances which are well below budget as a result of the drought.