

47 – Luke 16:16-31 – Unexpected kingdom truths

What sort of impact did Jesus words in Luke 16 have on your economic planning in the last week?

“What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight”.

OT promised change

... when the messiah showed up there would be significant changes.

... this change was upon them.

... forcing their way into the kingdom.

= “pressing hard” to be there

... the Law and the prophets, are not done away with

the example of divorce and adultery.

This verse is not all that the OT or the NT says concerning the topic of divorce and remarriage.

... based on how you should interpret Deut 24:1.

- “indecent” meant divorce and remarriage was permissible only when adultery occurred.
- “indecent” meant that divorce and remarriage was permissible for really any reason at all you might like to define as indecent.

... he pointed out that nothing has been added to the OT law and nothing subtracted from it.

The Rich man and Lazarus

... Lazarus ... Eleazar = God is my help” or “God has been my help”.

... “thrown” at the front gate of the rich man and the dogs licked his sores.

... Lasarus’ trust in God ... to heaven

Rick man ... he ends up in Hades.

... NOT a doctrinal statement on the nature and character of hell or a description of what angels do when you die

Do poor people go to heaven and rich people go to hell

Is Verse 25 telling us that poor people go to heaven because life on earth did not give them good things and rich people go to hell because they have received all their good things already.

v 13 the point Jesus makes is not about how much money you have but whether you serve your money or God.

...the poor man, whose name tells us he put his trust in God, is saved because he put his trust in God his helper.

The point of the parable

... presenting the Pharisees with the consequences of what it means to reject God's Word.

For us today

1) Kingdom wealth and kingdom compassion

... what the OT says about using our wealth when we have both the resources and the opportunity to do something.

Amos 5 ... God's people are judged by God for their false worship and a sign of their false worship is their lack of justice shown towards those who are oppressed.

Micah 6:8, "He has shown you, O mortal what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" **Micah 6 continues to detail what they are doing.**

1 John 3:16-17, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"

James 2:15-16, "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"

... who shrewdly use our wealth for kingdom purposes like compassion...

2) The OT says all we need to know to be saved

Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.

God's word is sufficient for leading us as God's people in right ways.

Luke 24.

v 27 on the road to Emmaus

v 44-45 Jesus showed all the Law and the prophets, said concerning his death and resurrection.

3) Hard hearts have plenty of evidence already

"if a dead one gets up".

... in Luke 7 ... the widow of Nain's son.

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...in Luke 8 the synagogue ruler, Jairus' daughter,
... the real Lazarus raised from the dead

Qu: What is our decision regarding our salvation and our listening to his words... especially his words concerning the use of our wealth?