

# SONS OF THIS AGE ARE SHREWD

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LUKE 16:1-13  
THE UNRIGHTEOUS STEWARD

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<p><b>UNRIGHTEOUS STEWARD'S RESOLVE ...</b></p> <p>Luke 16:4, "I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, <b>they</b> may receive me into <b>their houses</b>."</p>	<p><b>I SAY UNTO YOU ...</b></p> <p>Luke 16:9, "Make to yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when it shall fail, <b>they</b> may receive you into the <b>eternal tabernacles</b>."</p>
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NOTE: As the steward so used money that he would be received into **earthly houses**, we are to so use money (mammon of unrighteousness) that we will be received into **heavenly habitations**.

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<p><b>UNRIGHTEOUS STEWARD'S RESOLVE ...</b></p> <p><i>The material</i></p> <p>The god "Mammon"</p> <p>That which is least</p> <p>False riches</p> <p>That which is another's</p>	<p><b>I SAY UNTO YOU ...</b></p> <p><i>The spiritual</i></p> <p>The true God</p> <p>That which is much</p> <p>True riches</p> <p>That which is yours</p>
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**Be faithful in the way you use your material wealth (Luke 16:10-12).**

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Luke 16:9

[**They may receive you**] That is, say some, the **angels**. Others, the **poor** whom ye have relieved will welcome you into glory. It does not appear that the poor are meant:

1. Because those who have relieved them may die a long time before them; and therefore they could not be in heaven to receive them on their arrival.
2. Many poor persons may be relieved, who will live and die in their sins, and consequently never enter into heaven themselves.

*The expression seems to be a mere Hebraism:—they may receive you, for ye shall be received; i.e. God shall admit you, if you make a faithful use of his gifts and graces. He who does not make a faithful use of what he has received from his Maker has no reason to hope for eternal felicity. See [Matt 25:33](#); and, for similar Hebraisms, consult in the original, [Luke 6:38](#); [12:20](#); [Rev 12:5](#); [16:15](#).*

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The point of verse 9, then, is that we are to use our money in such a way that we can be received into everlasting habitations.

Verses 10-12 continue to stress the importance of proper use of what we have. When out of faith, love, and devotion to God, we use our money to do good, we are conducting ourselves in such a manner that we will be received into heavenly habitations. See 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Hebrews 13:16; Ephesians 4:28; Philipians 4:10-18.

# LESSON 16: The Rich Man And Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31  
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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

### A certain rich man.

Luke 16:19

- ☐ Clothed in purple and fine linen.
- ☐ Fared sumptuously every day.

### A certain beggar

named Lazarus.

Luke 16:20-21

- ☐ Full of sores.
- ☐ Laid at the rich man's gate.
- ☐ Desired crumbs.
- ☐ Dogs licked his sores.

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

All must die. Luke 16:22; Ecclesiastes 9:5

James 4:14, *"What is your life? for ye are as a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."*

Psalms 90:10, *"The days of our years are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years: yet is their pride but labor and sorrows, for it is soon gone, and we fly away ... Teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom."*

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

Eternal Punishment Is Real. Luke 16:23

Matthew 25:41, *"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels"*

Psalms 53:1, *"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."*

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

Too Late To Pray. Luke 16:24-25

- ☐ Called on Abraham for help.
- ☐ God does not hear sinners. John 9:31; Proverbs 28:9

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

No Second Chance. Luke 16:26

- ☐ Appointed once to die, then judgment. Hebrews 9:27
- ☐ All will stand before judgment. 2 Corinthians 5:10

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

Word of God is true. Luke 16:29

- ☐ God's law is the standard of Judgment. John 12:48
- ☐ God's law is able to save. James 1:21
- ☐ God's law is perfect. James 1:25
- ☐ Christ's words are the ONLY words of salvation. John 6:66-68

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

Cannot warn others. Luke 16:27-31

- ▣ Go preach. Mark 16:15
- ▣ Preach the gospel. Romans 1:16; cf. Acts 17:1-3
- ▣ THE ONE HOPE FOR ERRING AND SINFUL MEN – that they may be persuaded. cf. Acts 26:28-29; 2 Corinthians 5:11

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

- ▣ Miracles would have no effect on men's hearts if they reject the gospel.

- ▣ Note: Psalms 78:12-17; Isaiah 63:9-10; Matthew 12:39-40
- ▣ Jesus died for the nation. John 11:49-51, "But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, nor do ye take account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. Now this he said not of himself: but, being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation"
- ▣ Jesus came back from the dead. Matthew 28:11-15

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

Worldly possessions no good after death. Luke 16:25

- ▣ Possessions left behind for the living. Luke 16:19-21; cf. Luke 12:13ff
- ▣ No profit to riches without God. Matthew 16:26
- ▣ One may be poor, yet rich in faith. James 2:5

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