

31—Stewardship Warnings

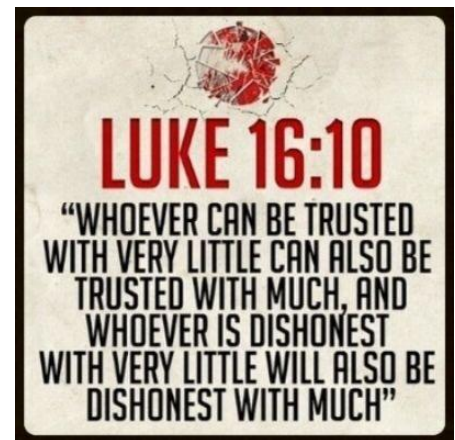
Luke 16

1. In the parable of the unjust/shrewd steward, what are the attributes we would probably not want to imitate (Luke 16:1-4)? What point is Jesus making about this steward we ought to imitate (16:5-8)?

2. This “steward” had been wasting his time and money. What was it he needed to realize? What might be some of the ways we are wasting our Master’s gifts here in this life?

3. Who, ultimately owns our earthly treasures? What ought we to be doing with them (Luke 16:9)? What will be the consequences when we use our earthly treasures for others (cp. Matthew 25:34-40)?

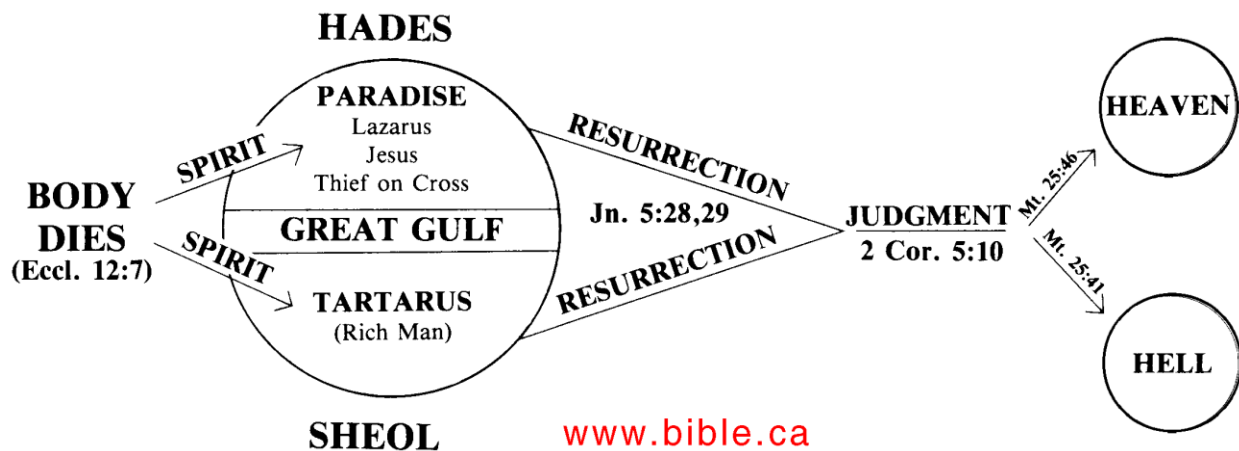
4. Does one have to have great riches in order to have responsibility when it comes to using their goods wisely? What can we learn about an individual who is faithful in the small things (Luke 16:10-12)?



5. Why did the Pharisees start tearing down Jesus after his statements about money (Luke 16:14)? What does Jesus point out about their defensive response to His teaching (Luke 16:15)?

6. Jesus has a great deal to say about riches and the Pharisees' complaints do not stop Him from continuing on the topic. What contrasts are made between the two men he brings up in Luke 16:19-21?

7. How were these two men's situations changed after they died (Luke 16:22-23)?



8. What does the "rich man" want from "Lazarus" (16:24)? What is he told (16:25-26)? What lessons does this teach us about what to expect in Hades after death? Define "Hades."

9. When the rich man's first request is rejected, what does he ask next and what is the response (Luke 16:27-29)? What is the key lesson we ought to learn from this conversation?

10. The "rich man" argues that if "one goes to them from the dead, they will repent" (Luke 16:30). Based on what happened when Lazarus was raised from the dead, is this necessarily true (John 12:10-11)? What is God's means to draw men to Him (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 10:17; John 6:44-45)?