

## Rich Man, Poor Man

Storyteller #17

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### What does Jesus confront with this story?

#### 1. Jesus confronts my indifference. (v.19-21)

*There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.*

**Luke 16:19-21 (NIV)**

- Purple and linen: The clothing of Royalty and Priests.

*At the same time, you need to know that I carry with me at all times a huge sorrow. It's an enormous pain deep within me, and I'm never free of it. I'm not exaggerating—Christ and the Holy Spirit are my witnesses. It's the Israelites . . . If there were any way I could be cursed by the Messiah so they could be blessed by him, I'd do it in a minute. They're my family. I grew up with them. They had everything going for them—family, glory, covenants, revelation, worship, promises, to say nothing of being the race that produced the Messiah, the Christ, who is God over everything...*

**Romans 9:1-5 (MSG)**

- Who is my Lazarus? \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Jesus confronts my selfishness. (v.22-25)

*The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' <sup>25</sup> 'But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.*

**Luke 16:22-25 (NIV)**

*It's selfish and stupid to think only of yourself... **Proverbs 18:1 (CEV)***

*Some people, by always continuing to do good, live for God's glory,*

*for honor, and for life that has no end. God will give them life forever. <sup>8</sup> But other people are selfish. They refuse to follow truth and, instead, follow evil. God will give them his punishment and anger.*

**Romans 2:7-8 (NCV)**

*When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves.*

**Philippians 2:3 (NCV)**

*Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with others, because sacrifices like these are very pleasing to God.*

**Hebrews 13:16 (ERV)**

#### 3. Jesus confronts my unbelief. (v.27-31)

*He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> 'Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' <sup>30</sup> 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> 'He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'*

**Luke 16:27-31 (NIV)**

*You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! <sup>40</sup> Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life... <sup>45</sup> Yet it isn't I who will accuse you before the Father. Moses will accuse you! Yes, Moses, in whom you put your hopes. <sup>46</sup> If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup> But since you don't believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say? **John 5:39-40, 45-47 (NLT)***

- The acid test of believing is application.

*For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. <sup>18</sup> 'There is no eternal doom awaiting those who trust him to save them. But those who don't trust him have already been tried and condemned for not believing in the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> Their sentence is based on this fact: that the Light from heaven came into the world, but they loved the darkness more than the Light, for their deeds were evil.*

**John 3:16-19 (TLB)**