

## Living a Christ-Centered Life

### LESSON 16: Being Aware of How God Feels about Sin and Sinners (part two)

In Chapter 16:1-18 Jesus is teaching against the sinful, dishonest, Law-ignoring, money-loving Pharisees. Then he tells a parable about a rich man that went to hell; and poor man that went to heaven.

#### **Question to consider:**

1. In chapter 15, we've seen how compassionate and forgiving God can be. Is there end to compassion? When is the end of God's compassion and forgiveness?

2. Is it a sin to be rich? Is poverty a virtue?

#### **Word Study Challenge: What do these words mean in the context?**

V. 24 "Pity"

V. 28 "Warn"

#### **Read the following excerpts from Luke 16. What do these passages teach about how God views sinners?**

##### Read 16:19-26

1. What is the context of this parable? Riches and poverty? Life focus? Heaven and hell?

2. What is the message of the two death scenarios? What is implied by mentioning angels and naming Abraham with only Lazarus' death?

3. What does this portion of the parable tell about God's view of sin, sinners, mercy, and forgiveness in relationship to *time*?

##### Read 16:27-31

4. What does God graciously give to sinners so that time will not be an issue?

5. In the end, is a sinner condemned by God; or do they condemn themselves if they wait too long or ignore God's way of salvation? Who is responsible?

#### **Further important reading**

Luke 12:40; 1Peter 4:5; 1 Thess. 5:1-4; 2 Peter 3