

"SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM" (The Parables of Jesus)

WEST OLIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST – Wednesday PM Bible Class – Rich Howell

E-"KINGDOM VALUE PARABLES" SUPPLEMENT 3

The Rich Man & Lazarus (A Reversal of Fortunes) Luke 16:19-31

THE QUESTION about this teaching: FICTION or NON-FICTION?

Why THE ANSWER is not terribly important: Because ...

- 1) All of Jesus' teaching is TRUTH (John 8:31-32; 14:6; 17:17)
- 2) All the details of all of Jesus' parables are realities and TRUE to LIFE in every detail!
- 3) In either case, we can learn much, GAIN much, and APPLY much from Jesus' teaching here!

1. SETTING THE TABLE (16:14-15) (CONTEXT)

- ⊞ Previous relevant teaching, parables: Luke 14:12-14; 15:11-32 & 16:1-13
- ⊞ The Parable of the Dishonest Manager was directed to Jesus' DISCIPLES, but also heard by the Jewish LEADERS
- ⊞ How did they respond to Jesus' parable? And, why? THEY RIDICULED HIM BECAUSE THEY WERE LOVERS OF MONEY! (He hit home with them!)
- ⊞ How did Jesus answer their response to the parable? YOU JUSTIFY YOURSELVES; GOD KNOWS YOUR HEARTS; WHAT IS EXALTED BY MEN IS DESPISED BY GOD; THE "GREED" VERSE! (Luke 12:15)

2. UNPACKING THIS TEACHING (CON_____)

- ⊞ THE "BEFORE" SCENARIO (19-21) Key word: CON_____!
- ⊞ THE "AFTER" SCENARIO (22-23) Key word: _____!
 - 1) Where did Lazarus go? To _____ (Luke 23:43; John 20:17; Acts 2:31)
 - 2) Where did the rich man go? To _____ (tartarus) (2 Peter 2:4-9; Rev 20:11-15)
- ⊞ THE FIRST REQUEST/DENIAL (24-26)

Here we learn that once we _____, our destiny is _____ (Heb 9:27-28; John 8:24)

NOTE: Refer to chart on back
- ⊞ THE SECOND REQUEST/DENIAL (27-31)

Here we learn that the Scriptures are _____ to save, no _____ needed! (John 20:24-31; Mark 16:17-20; Heb 1:1-2; 2:2-4; Rom 10:17; 2 Cor 5:7)

3. APPLYING THIS TEACHING (CON_____)

- ⊖ WITH P_____ COMES RESPONSIBILITY (Mat 10:8; Luke 12:48b)
It matters how we _____ others - _____ so! (Mat 25:31-46)
- ⊖ THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY _____! (Rev 3:17; 2:9; 2 Cor 6:8b-10; James 2:5)
The rich are not always "_____" and the poor are not always "_____!"
- ⊖ BECAUSE THE _____ WILL _____ ONE DAY, (Mat 19:30; 20:16; 8:11-12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; 16:25; 6:20-26), _____ IS THE TIME TO CHANGE SIDES (_____)! (Heb 9:27-28; Acts 2:38-41; Col 1:12-13; John 5:24; Acts 26:18)
- ⊖ IN JESUS CHRIST, WE CAN ALL HAVE A _____ OF _____!! (2 Cor 8:9)

