

THE RICH MAN & LAZARUS

LUKE 16:19-31

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SCENE 1: THE MEN (v.19-21)

- Lazarus is _____, while the rich man is defined by his _____.
- Lazarus has a _____, while the rich man enjoys daily _____.

SCENE 2: THE DESTINATIONS (v.22-23)

- In death, the men experience a _____ of their situations.

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- The rich man takes on a _____ existence, while Lazarus begins _____ in the kingdom of God.

SCENE 3: THE REQUESTS & RESPONSES (v.24-31)

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- In his plea for relief, we learn 3 things about the rich man... He is _____, He is _____, He is a _____.
- The rich man’s judgment is both _____ and _____. We must remember the time for repentance is in life, not death (2 Corinthians 6:2).
- The primary reason we do not repent is not a lack of _____. It is _____.

TAKEAWAYS:

If we desire to repent and reform our lives, what must we do?

1. We ought to know the time for repentance is _____.
2. We ought to know _____ and _____ are not indications of our future.
3. We ought to know the love of money has _____ and _____ consequences.
4. We ought to know and trust the _____.

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- Lazarus has a famine, while the rich man enjoys daily feasts.

SCENE 2: THE DESTINATIONS (v.22-23)

- In death, the men experience a reversal of their situations.

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- In his plea for relief, we learn 3 things about the rich man... He is religious, He is proud, He is a hypocrite.
- The rich man’s judgment is both just and irreversible. We must remember the time for repentance is in life, not death (2 Corinthians 6:2).
- The primary reason we do not repent is not a lack of evidence. It is hard-heartedness.

TAKEAWAYS:

If we desire to repent and reform our lives, what must we do?

1. We ought to know the time for repentance is now.
2. We ought to know poverty and prosperity are not indications of our future.
3. We ought to know the love of money has disastrous and eternal consequences.
4. We ought to know and trust the Scriptures.