

# Luke

## Lecture 18: Chapter 16:14-17:10

### **16: 14-18 – Jesus warns against the Pharisees’ hypocrisy**

*the Pharisees, who loved money* – a sign of God’s favor? / a reward for being good?  
*eyes of men... God knows your hearts* – what truly counts... inner, not outer beauty, etc  
*highly valued among men... detestable in God’s sight* – different value systems!

An application: The Pharisees use their riches to show people that their teachings and life are God-pleasing. Jesus sees riches as outward glitter that says nothing about the heart. We put a high value on riches, but riches carry no impact with God. God is concerned with the management of riches in a way that brings \_\_\_\_\_ to Him and shows \_\_\_\_\_ to those in need.

*the Law and the Prophets* – the Old Testament (“Who are you, Jesus, w/your lax views?”)  
*everyone is forcing his way into it - ?* perhaps the enthusiastic way people responded  
*to drop out of the Law* – He’s not come to relax the Law one bit, even harder (example...)  
*divorces his wife and marries another* – both sanctity of marriage & rights of women  
*commits adultery* - Pharisees supported “legalized adultery”

### **16:19-31 – The rich man and Lazarus**

*a rich man... Lazarus* – note who has a name! (“Dives & Lazarus”? / Latin: dives = rich)  
*Lazarus* – meaning = “God will help”  
*longing to eat* – severe poverty (same as prodigal son – 15:16)  
*I have five brothers* – he is lost, but his brothers still could be saved (our concern?)  
*they have Moses and the Prophets* – the importance of the  
*If someone rises from the dead* – more than irony... literally true (both Lazarus & Jesus)

Jesus’ teaching of riches to this point is summed up in the rich man:

(12:21) he was not “rich toward God”

(11:41) he was not clean by giving to the poor

(12:33) he did not sell possessions and give to the poor

(16:9) he did not use worldly wealth to “gain friends” to be welcomed into eternity

The “great reversal”!

(1:53) Mary: God has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty

(6:21) Jesus: blessed are those “who hunger now, for you will be satisfied”

(6:25) Jesus: “woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry”

### **17:1-10 – Jesus teaches on sin, faith, and duty**

*cause people to sin* - the seriousness of sin / leading others astray

*better for him... thrown into the sea* – than face the wrath of God!

*so watch yourselves* – not pointing out the sins of others – concern for our own sin

*rebuke him... forgive him* – a frank but gentle admonition... followed by forgiveness  
*increase our faith!* – “we can’t do what you’re asking”

*we have only done our duty* – not looking down on others, think too highly of self

An application: We should not use lack of \_\_\_\_\_ as an excuse for not dealing correctly with a sinning brother or sisters. He indicates that even with a little faith (“mustard seed”), great things can be done.