

# “HERE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW”

Luke 16:19-31 - Pastor Bruce French

What does today have to do with tomorrow?

1. What we \_\_\_\_\_ today impacts what we \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow. Luke 16:19-25

**ASK...**

• In what ways have I demonstrated \_\_\_\_\_?

2. What we \_\_\_\_\_ today cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow. Luke 16:26

**ASK...**

• What effect will the choices I make today have on \_\_\_\_\_?

4. What we \_\_\_\_\_ today determines how we're \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow. Luke 16:27-31

**ASK...**

• What does my behavior say about my \_\_\_\_\_?

**TAKE HOME TRUTH**

Your \_\_\_\_\_ here determine your \_\_\_\_\_ there.

**ASK...**

• What are some of my current priorities that need to \_\_\_\_\_?

**Today's Core Belief:**

**Stewardship:** I believe that everything I am or own belongs to God. *(from 1 Timothy 6:17-19)*

**Today's Action:**

Take time for the next 4 days to contemplate and pray about one stated question per day from the outline.



## Deeper Connection Study

This parable is unique in two ways: It is the only parable in which a character is named and it also has two parts (verses 19-26 and 27-31). Luke once again highlights the subject of wealth.

*Today's Core Belief discussed: Stewardship.*

### Read Luke 16:19-31

1. What are the circumstances of the rich man and Lazarus while living on earth (vv. 19-21)?
2. What is their lot in death (vv. 22-24)? Why is there such a difference?
3. Why does the rich man speak to Abraham and what does he request from him (vv. 24-28)? How does the Patriarch respond (vv. 29-31)?
4. How does this parable address the afterlife? What truths can you draw from it?
5. What destiny is revealed for the unrighteous? In view of this, how prophetic is verse 31?
6. How should we live in light of the truths of this parable? Why does it matter how we live now? How can you adjust your priorities to reflect an eternal perspective?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for the reward of heaven to those who know Jesus! Pray for a soft heart toward the poor and a responsiveness to those in need. Ask God to use you to generously serve others. Pray for those who do not know Jesus.

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"LIFE PRINCIPLES IN THE  
PARABLES"

MAY 6, 2018 - Luke 16:19-31

**H**ave you ever looked back on an opportunity that you over-looked and wished you had seized it? Maybe you had the chance to go on vacation with a friend but you had summer school and missed out on that adventure. Perhaps an advisor suggested that you pick a certain major in college, but you went in a different direction only to look back to realize that would have been the better choice. Or maybe you had the chance to take a different job, but apprehension took over and you regretfully turned down the offer.

Truly, life is full of choices. From the time that we were young we have been making decisions about how we will spend our time, energy and money. Some of those decisions were selfish, some were noble and some were divine. However, at the end of the day does it really matter? Isn't God sovereign and won't he carry out his plan regardless of what we choose? A lot of Christians take that approach to the doctrine of God's sovereignty and, as a result, are dull and ignorant about the choices that they make. They fail to see that their choices have an impact on tomorrow and eternity. Today's parable about a rich man and a poor man reveals that transcendent truth!

