

Luke 16; 17:20-37 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In Luke 16:16-18 how did the Jewish leaders' approach the Law and the Gospel (v16-17) and how did they demonstrate this (v18)? What did Jesus declare and why (v17, 18)?

5. Summarize the story in Luke 16:19-26. What happened to the rich man and Lazarus (v19-24)? What did Abraham say to the rich man (v25-26)? What was Jesus' point and why?

6. Read Luke 16:27-31. What else did the rich man ask (v27-28) and how did Abraham answer (v29)? What was the 2nd exchange (v30-31) and what does it reveal?

7. From Luke 17:20-21 what question did the Pharisees have (v20)? What was Jesus' answer (20-21) and what did He mean?

8. In Luke 17:22-25 what did Jesus predict (v22, 24, 25) and what did He tell them to do (v23)? To whom was Jesus saying this (v22)?

9. Looking at Luke 17:26-30 what will the world be like when Jesus returns (v26-27) and to what does this compare (v26, 28)? What is the point (v27, 29, 30)?

10. Using Luke 17:31-37 how are we to respond when the return of the Lord begins to unfold (v31) and why (v32-36)? Where will this occur (v37) and what did Jesus mean?

11. Look back over Luke 16 and 17:20-37. How will the judgment, the next life, and the return of the Lord each show us the importance of faithfulness in money, obedience, and preparation?

Scripture to Remember

“You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.”

Luke 16:15 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Words With Friends—Self-Control (Gal 5:23)
(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Talk about whether you agree with “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me”? What is one of the most powerful things ever said to you?
2. Discuss Prov 18:21. How is this true and where does the power of the tongue lie?
3. Share with the group which of the following is most important for you to remember before you speak—is it truthful, helpful, inspirational, necessary, or kind?
4. Look at Eph 4:25. Why is speaking truth to each other so important? Why, then, do we often not do it? Which fear stops you most often—fear of 1) consequences, 2) failure or rejection, 3) losing; 4) conflict?
5. Explain the 2 major problems for authentic relationships—being built on a lie or ignoring a deeper issue. Give personal examples of how to resolve these problems.
6. Read these 3 verses: Prov 12:18, Prov 15:4; Eph 4:29. Who do you know who speaks like this, and how does it impact you? How well are you doing?
7. Share with your group which of these 3—speaking thoughtfully, truthfully, or lovingly—that you need to work on this week, and pray with each other about this.



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Turning the Tables

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The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

The phrase “turning the tables” was used as early as the 1600’s to refer to turning around the board of a table game to play from the position of one’s opponent. When the tables are turned today it means that we often get back what we give to others. In this week’s study Jesus applied this to our use of resources, investment in relationships, and preparation for His return. In the first area Jesus taught that we should evaluate our motives when managing the material things that God has entrusted to us. He told the story of a shrewd manager who utilized money to gain a better future status, and urged His followers to use money the same way. We should invest our money in God’s kingdom so that we will receive an eternal return. The Pharisees who were listening

scoffed at this since they loved money, but Jesus exposed their motives. They simply wanted to be justified by men in their evil, but God knew their hearts. They would not be able to escape the standard of God’s law no matter how violently they tried to force their way into His kingdom. Another example of this rationalization was their laxity regarding divorce. God would hold all to His original standard of marriage although He had permitted divorce for adultery. Jesus then showed how the tables would be turned on the unbelieving rich and the faithful poor, represented by Lazarus. In the next life the rich unbeliever would suffer torment in hell while the faithful poor man would be blessed forever. This could be avoided, though, if both would simply follow God’s Word. Finally, Jesus told



Jesus’ one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

them to envision the future when the “Son of Man” would bring all things to conclusion. If they did they would realize the importance of alertness since Jesus could return at any time. The truth is that He will come back when everything on earth is proceeding as it did in the days of Noah and Sodom. To everyone at that time life was progressing with its typical events when suddenly God’s judgment came on them all—then it was too late. Similarly, all who fail to serve God now will find Him turning the tables on them.

Study Questions for Luke 16; 17:20-37

(For answers go to http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html#study_questions)

1. Retell the parable of Luke 16:1-9 in your own words. What wrong was done (v1), how did steward respond (v2, 3-7), and why (v4)? What was the master’s reaction (v8) and Jesus’ point (v9)?	
2. Using Luke 16:10-13 what principle does Jesus give (v10-11, 12) and how does this explain the parable further? What is the real issue (v13) and how are we to apply Jesus’ teachings here?	
3. From Luke 16:14-15 how did the Pharisees react to Jesus’ teaching and why (v14)? According to Jesus what was their real problem (v15)?	

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