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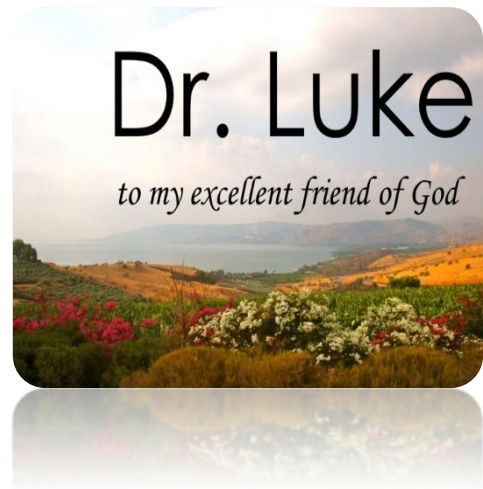
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Dr. Luke just told us about the need to **change our mind**, because without a changed mind, there will be no changed heart; and with a changed mind, then Jesus said, in the parable of the prodigal son: It was proper that we should celebrate, and be glad: for this brother of yours was dead, and is alive again; and he was lost, and has been found.

And the next parable, reminds me of a longtime friend who is the POA for several extremely successful families, and how she had to tell one of her individuals on the last day he lived, to stop counting his money.

Concerning wealth,



¹ And Jesus also said to His disciples, There was a certain rich man, who had a manager; who was accused of squandering his possessions.

² And he called him, and said to him, What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management; because you can no longer be my manager.

³ Then the manager said to himself, What should I do? because my Boss is taking away the management from me: and I can't even dig a ditch; and I am too ashamed to beg.

⁴ I know what I will do so that when I am removed from management, people will welcome me into their homes.

⁵ So he summoned each one of his Boss's debtors, and asked the first one, How much do you owe my Boss?

⁶ And he said, 100 measures of olive oil.

And he said to him, Take your invoice, and sit down quickly, and write 50.

⁷ Next he asked another, How much do you owe?

And he said, 100 measures of wheat.

And he said to him, Take your invoice, and write 80.

⁸ And the Boss commended the crooked manager, because he had done wisely:

for the children of this age are in their generation wiser /

more astute than the children of light / in dealing with their own people.

The ordinary devious riches that do not last, versus the eternal riches to be trusted

⁹ And I tell you, make your friends with the unreliable mammon / while you are here make friends using the ordinary riches and things you possess;

that when you fail, they welcome you into the eternal home / Jesus said, **pile up treasures in heaven**, and our greatest treasure is those we meet on earth, who we want to also find one day in eternity; learn to use the unreliable riches here, in such a way that you store up true riches in eternity when you die.

¹⁰ The one who is faithful with very little, is also faithful with very much: and the one who is unjust with very little, is also unjust with very much.

¹¹ So if you have not been faithful in the unreliable mammon / money, material riches and things, who will entrust you with the true riches?

¹² And if you are not faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? / and remember our talents were gifts to us from God, we didn't invent them

¹³ No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate one, and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.

¹⁴ And the Pharisees, who were lovers of money and stuff, were listening to all of this: and were scoffing Him.

¹⁵ And He said to them, You are the ones who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts:

for what is highly admired among men is disgusting in the sight of God.

¹⁶ The Law and the Prophets were until John the baptizer: and since then the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is urged to push your way into it.

¹⁷ And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one little stroke of a letter in the Law to fail.

¹⁸ Whoever divorces his woman, and marries another, commits adultery: and whoever marries a woman who is divorced from her husband, commits adultery.

The Rich man and Lazarus,

¹⁹ There was a certain rich man, who wore purple and fine linen, living lavishly every day:

²⁰ And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, who covered with sores was laid at his gate,

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²¹ and he desired to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table: but instead the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² And one day it happened, the poor man died, and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's side: **and the rich man also died, and was buried;**

²³ and in hell lifting up his eyes being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus at his side / he saw the father of faith, when you are in the lowest place, the only direction to look is up.

²⁴ And he cried out and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; because I am in agony in this flame.

²⁵ But Abraham said, Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, just as Lazarus received his bad things: but now he is comforted, and you are in agony.

²⁶ And beside all this, between us and you a great chasm is fixed: so that those who wish to go from here to you cannot; and that none can pass to us, who come from there.

Which surely nukes the notion of purgatory, doesn't it?

²⁷ Then he said, so I beg you, father, that you would send him to the house of my father:

²⁸ because I have five brothers; that he may warn them, so they also will not come to this place of torment.

²⁹ But Abraham said to him, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.

³⁰ But he said, No, father Abraham: but if one from the dead goes to them, they will **change their mind.**

³¹ **And he said to him, If they will not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded, though someone rises from the dead.** / So Jesus who is telling this troubling truth, thinks it is beneficial to listen to Moses and the Prophets – who pointed to Him; so don't ignore the Old Testament.

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