

The Promise of a Cross on Earth and Treasure in Heaven

Lesson 9 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Luke 16:19-31

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **If I love God, will he make me wealthy?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. What is the “Prosperity Gospel” and what passage is used as a Biblical support for this teaching?
(Read James 4:2).
14. What does the context around this passage teach us?
15. One of the requirements of the prosperity gospel is that the person who is asking must be living a righteous life. To what graphic image does the Bible (Isaiah 64:6) compare our “righteous acts”?

16. Jesus did not preach a gospel of prosperity. Read Mark 8:34 and 1 Peter 4: 12-16. What did Jesus tell us about earthly blessings in these passages?
17. Read Colossians 3:1-3 and Revelation 2:10. Where do these passages tell us to focus our attention?
18. Are there earthly blessings to living a Christian life? (Read 2 Corinthians 9:6, Philippians 4:19, and Matthew 6)?

Lesson wrap-up

If I love God, will he make me wealthy?