Lessons from vv. 1-18: 1) Christ-followers should invest their wealth with the Kingdom of God in mind. 2) There’s no such thing as a Christ-follower who loves money. 3) The word of God tells the truth about tough subjects, like money and marriage. Christ-followers listen.

**Take away #1:**

 God’s word tells the truth about our personal reality. Vv. 19-21

**Take away #2:**

 God’s word is not timid about that one day. Vv. 22-28

**Final takeaway:**

 God’s word says enough. It is sufficient! Vv. 29-31

Try this:

* Be honest with yourself—what keeps you from Jesus and the eternal life He gives—what outside of Him is so important?
* Share your struggle with a convinced Christ-follower.
* Investigate Jesus by spending time in His word; seek Jesus in prayer.
* Begin to practice charity and generosity.

*The parable of the rich man and Lazarus affirms Jesus’ teaching on a future*

*reversal of fortunes . . . the word of God is the only adequate basis for faith.*

John Constable

*He who has an ear, let him hear*

 Jesus

**What Comes Next?**

Luke 16:19-31 (page 929)

Main idea: *God’s word tells the truth about our destiny.*

The larger context: Luke’s gospel is about the Son of Man, Jesus, seeking and saving the lost. Jesus saves us because of His great love for us--He came to save us; he loves to save us; He wants to save us.

Ideas to begin with:

Listen to him: *Then a voice came from the cloud, saying: “This is my Son, the Chosen One;****listen to him!”*** Luke 9:35 (page 920)

The truth will set you free: *“You will know the truth, and* ***the truth will set you free****.”* John 8:32 (broader passage 8:30-47) [pp. 950-951]

*Have you refused to receive the truth from Jesus?*

*Truth about what?*

The confusing setting for “truth” in Jesus’ day—when Jesus told the Pharisees “What Comes Next.”

* The separatists \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The legalists \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The liberals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 16 contains warnings concerning riches—materialism, the love of money and the and its danger.

**You Matter!**

**How can we pray for you?**

**Is there something you would like to**

**ask or tell our leadership?**

**NEXT STEPS**

**Which next step would you like**

**to take today?**

\_\_\_ I’d like to become a Christian.

\_\_\_ I'd like to know more about MCC.

\_\_\_ I’d like to be Baptized.

\_\_\_ I'd like to know how I can serve.

\_\_\_ I’d like to join a Small Group.

\_\_\_ I'd like to start making a regular financial

 contribution.

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