

The Place of Everlasting Habitations ①
Luke 16:19-31

Intro. **A.** Is what we have just read dependable information?
1. Is it literal or is it parabolic?, figurative
2. Either way it teaches divine truth.

B. This chapter has two stories in it.
1. What are its literary possibilities?
2. 2 parables, 2 actual incidents, or
1 parable and 1 actual incident.
3. What difference does it make? A
parabolic truth is just as true as a truth
based on a true story. We are to extract principles.

C. What is the main point of the verses
contained in chapters 14-16?
1. This day begins with Jesus going to
the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat
bread on the sabbath. 14:1 vs. 1
2. The Pharisees meant ^{to} trap Jesus.
3. Most of the verses are aimed at them.

Chapt. 16 **D.** In the parable of the unjust steward there
are two classifications of people.
Vs. 9 1. "... the children of this world".
2. "the children of light".

E. The parable is about the unjust steward.
There are two sources of Justification.
Vs. 15 1. Self-Justification before men.
2. Eternal, never failing Justification from God.

F. There are two masters to serve.
Vs. 13 1. God
2. Mammon

II. Looking Beyond Oneself To Others.

A. The rich man has an interest beyond hell.

- 1. His strange request; "Send Lazarus".
- Vs. 27 2. Send him to my father's house.
- Vs. 28 3. His 5 brothers were ignorant.

B. The response of Abraham.

- Vs. 29 1. "They have Moses and the prophets".
- 2. "...let them hear them".

C. The Rich man's argument.

- Vs. 30 1. "Nay, father Abraham: (It won't work! What God has done is insufficient. We ^{need} something more dramatic, more appealing."
- 2. Their problem is identified.
- 3. "...they will repent".

D. The truth about gimmicks.

- Vs. 31 1. "If they hear not Moses and the prophets"
- 2. "neither will they be persuaded..."
- "to allow one's self to be convinced, to yield assent to another, to trust, to obey."
- 3. An absurdity set aside, "though one rose from the dead".

E. There are many silly things going on today,

- 1. The cowboy church.
- 2. Sports figures.
- 3. Dope heads, Alcoholics,
- 4. The way of the world to win people from the world.
- 5. We would not tell an alcoholic that what he needs is more alcohol, or a prostitute that she needs more sex.
- 6. Why tell a worldly person, you need more world.