

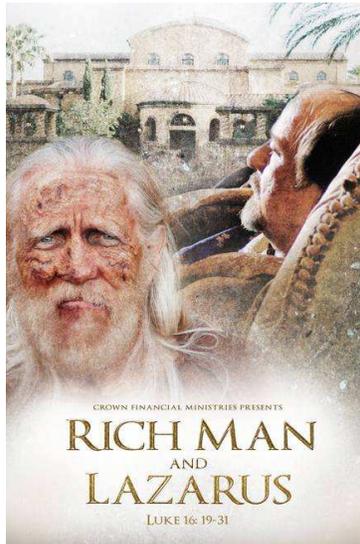


## Lessons Learned

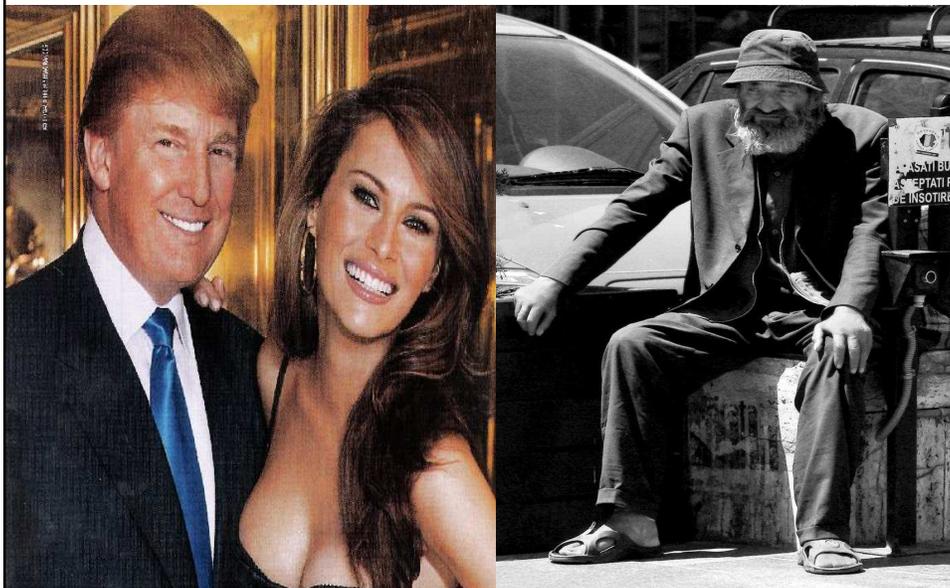
Welcome to our new series of bible lessons entitled, "Lessons Learned". In this series, we will attempt to share some important life lessons and biblical principles that we should all live by. For our first lesson in this series, we will study a story in the Bible about two men—one who is rich and the other who is poor. Solely for the purposes of bringing our study to life, we will use a well-known rich man to illustrate our points. Let us see what we can learn from the scriptural passage about Lazarus and the rich man...

# The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16: 19-31



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## A tale of two men...

- Luke 16: 19-21
  - The rich man had it all
  - Lazarus suffered
  - It doesn't appear as though the rich man did anything to help Lazarus
  - Lazarus longed to eat what fell from the rich man's table
  - Even the dogs had pity on Lazarus and licked his sores (but the rich man ignored Lazarus)

## *Lazarus is having trouble in his life...*

- Lazarus is in a bad situation and yet he sees an unrighteous man prosper everyday.
  - Have you ever had that experience (where you saw someone prosper who doesn't have a strong relationship with God?) How does it make you feel?
- Life Lesson: God does not want us to envy the ungodly who prosper
  - Proverbs 23: 17-18
  - Psalm 37: 1-2

## After death, life really begins...

- Luke 16: 22-24
  - Death comes to Lazarus and the rich man
  - Death comes to all
  - The lifestyle of the rich man and the misfortune Lazarus endured mean nothing now.
- Ecclesiastes 5: 15-16
  - You can take nothing that you attain in life with you when you die.
- There is a separation between the Godly and ungodly at death. The rich man and Lazarus were separated at death
  - Matthew 25: 31-46

### Luke 16: 25-26 The Situation Reverses



*Luke 16: 27-28*

*The rich man wants to send his brothers a warning!!!*



Luke 16: 29-31

Abraham replied, ***“They have Moses and the Prophets, let them listen to them”.***

What does this mean for the loved ones we have that we want to warn about the dangers of ungodly living?

*Abraham seems to be saying that each man (and woman) is responsible for their own soul. Everyone has God's instructions for living and it's up to each individual to heed the warnings and follow the instructions set forth in God's Word.*

***What do you think are the lessons that the Lord intended for us to learn from the parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus?***

## Lessons Learned from the Rich Man and Lazarus

- Love your neighbor as yourself
- We are judged according to how we treat other people
- After death, there will be a separation of the ungodly from the Godly
- Even if our lives are not ideal here on Earth, we can win in the end if heaven is our eternal home
- Worldly gain really is meaningless; especially if your walk with God isn't what it should be
- Wicked men may prosper here on Earth, but it is our eternal lives that really matter
- Our lives should be guided by God's Word and our loved ones have the same opportunity to seek God's Word while they are living