Luke

The Law,
The Rich Man,
and
Lazarus

Luke 16:14-31



God-Honoring Living

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At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. 29 And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

Deuteronomy 14:28–29

'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?'... 6 "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?... 10 if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

Isaiah 58.3, 6–7

Bear fruits in keeping with repentance...10 And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" 11 And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

Luke 3:8-11

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."... 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:18-21

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

James 1:27

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- Preoccupation with money and material things will put us out of touch with Jesus' message (vv. 14–15)
- In both the OT law and in the NT teaching of the kingdom, we are responsible to God for how we treat other people (vv. 16–25)
- Our fate in the afterlife is determined by our earthly lives and it seems to be unchangeable (vv. 26–31)