

Further ministry in Perea

Lesson aim: To examine the teaching of Jesus concerning His association with sinners and one's attitude toward wealth.

Parables in defense of association with sinners--Lk. 15:1-32

1. *What common theme runs through all the parables in this reading?*
2. *What might we learn from the conduct of the prodigal son? Of the elder brother?*

A parable about the proper use of money--Lk. 16:1-13

1. *What particular feature of this steward did Jesus commend and urge His disciples to imitate?*
2. *How do we "make friends" for ourselves by means of unrighteous mammon?*
3. *What are the true riches of which Jesus speaks?*

Warnings about the danger of wealth (The rich man and Lazarus)--Lk. 16:14-31

1. *Why did the Pharisees scoff at Jesus' teaching about stewardship? What warning did Jesus give them?*
2. *What is the main point of the story of the rich man and Lazarus? Is this a parable or history?*

Discussion question:



What can we learn about life after death from the account of the rich man and Lazarus? How would you answer the question, “Where are the dead” today?