

**WHAT WOULD  
YOU DO  
DIFFERENTLY?**

**LUKE 16:19-31**

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**19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:**

**20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,**

**21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.**

**22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;**

## **Luke 16:19-31 - continued**

**23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**

**24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.**

**25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.**

## **Luke 16:19-31 - continued**

**26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.**

**27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:**

**28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.**

**29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.**

**Luke 16:19-31 - continued**

**30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.**

**31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**

# Introduction

## A. The 20-20 hindsight of all of us

1. “If I had only listened”
2. “If I had another chance”
3. “If I had only known then what I know now”

## B. Living like the past keeps you in the past

### 2 Kings 17:34

Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

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**C. No change today results in no change in direction tomorrow due to ...**

**1. Pigheadedness**

**2 Kings 17:40**

**Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.**

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**C. No change today results in no change in direction tomorrow due to ... (continued)**

## **2. Procrastination**

**James 4:13-14**

**13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:**

**14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.**



# **I. He Would Have Trusted God For Future Deliverance**

**Psalm 34:19-22**

**19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.**

**20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.**

**21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.**

**22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.**

## **II. He Would Have Walked In God's Ways Because Of His Future Deliverance**

**Romans 13:11-14**

**11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

**12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.**

**13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.**

**14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

### **III. He Would Have Told His Brothers To Avoid Their Future Destruction**

**Jude 21-23**

**21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.**

**22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:**

**23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.**

**Psalm 126:6**

**He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.**

### **III. He Would Have Told His Brothers To Avoid Their Future Destruction**

**Ezekiel 3:17-19**

**17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.**

**18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.**

**19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.**

**Will You Do Something Differently...  
Today?**