

“Preaching for a Change”

Sermon • *Luke 16:19–31*

Sermon Series:
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1) **Identity** — What **defines** me?

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores...”
(*Luke 16:19–20*)

2) **Awareness** — How do I **see** others and how do they **see** me?

^{22b}The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame’.
(*Luke 16:22b–24*)

3) **Motivation** — Is real **change** motivated by **fear**?

²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent’.
(*Luke 16:27–30*)