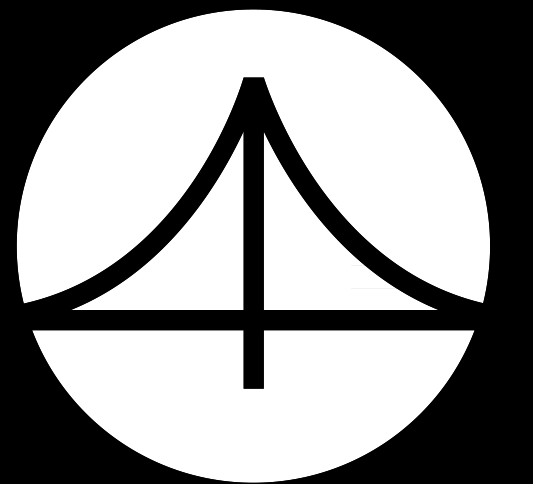


# Parables of Jesus in Luke: True and False Selves

Luke 16:19-31



**Lasting identity and right living come from  
building on the right foundation.**

- Sources of Self
- Eternal Outcomes
- Earthly Outcomes
- Our Foundation

# Sources of Self

- Lazarus has a name, but the rich man doesn't
- The rich man has built his life around things that don't last
- There is no lasting identity that's not built on God
- Is there a you at the core that remains after all the things of the world are taken away?

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# Eternal Outcomes

- The rich man wasn't consciously rejecting God during his life - he thought he was obeying
- If we live forever, the trajectory we set in our lives will continue into eternity

**“It is not a question of God ‘sending us’ to hell. In each of us there is something growing, which will *be* Hell unless it is nipped in the bud.”**

*-CS Lewis*

# Eternal Outcomes

- The rich man wasn't consciously rejecting God during his life - he thought he was obeying
- If we live forever, the trajectory we set in our lives will continue into eternity
- The rich man would rather spend eternity in hell with his pride intact than humble himself and have a chance to experience heaven

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# Earthly Outcomes

- Being a Christian is about having a new identity
- Having a false self leads to ways of living that fail to love others or that harm them
- An identity built on God leads to right living
- On the cross, Jesus bore the horrors of hell so we don't have to
- People becoming more like Jesus will endure suffering in order to help others

Luke 16:19-31

# Earthly Outcomes

- The blessing of being a Christian is such a secure identity that you'd still be content and joyful, even if you were experiencing hell all around you
- There's nothing we can do in our own power to transform ourselves in this way

Luke 16:19-31



# Our Foundation

- Reading, listening to, and obeying the Bible tells us how to experience the transformed life God gives

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