

DYING TO KNOW
Life Stories – Part 11
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One thing I'm dying to know is _____

Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

SCENE I: A Contrast in _____

Luke 16:19-21 (NIV) "There was a **rich man** who was dressed in purple and fine linen and **lived in luxury every day.** ²⁰ At his gate was laid a **beggar named Lazarus**, covered with sores ²¹ and **longing to eat** what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores."

Who is at the edge of your life that you don't notice?

SCENE II: A Contrast in _____

Luke 16:22 (NIV) "The time came when **the beggar died** and the **angels carried him to Abraham's side.** The **rich man also died** and was **buried.**"

SCENE III: A Contrast in _____

Luke 16: 23 (NIV) "**In hell**, where he was in torment, **he looked up** and **saw Abraham far away**, with **Lazarus by his side.**"

Luke 16:24 (NIV) "So he **called to him**, '**Father Abraham**, have pity on me and **send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue**, because I am **in agony in this fire.**' "

Luke 16:25 (NIV) "But Abraham replied, 'Son, **remember that in your lifetime** you **received your good things**, while **Lazarus** received **bad things**, but **now he is comforted here** and **you are in agony.**' "

The rich man took his _____
with him but not his money!

Luke 16:26 (NIV) "And besides all this, **between us** and you a **great chasm** has been **fixed**, so that **those who want to go from here to you cannot**, nor can anyone cross over from there to us."

Luke 16:27-28 (NIV) "He answered, 'Then I **beg you, father**, send **Lazarus** to my father's house, ²⁸ for **I have five brothers.** Let him **warn them**, so that they will **not also come to this place of torment.**"
Luke 16:29 (NIV) "Abraham replied, '**They have Moses and the Prophets**; let them **listen to them.**' "

Luke 16:30-31 (NIV) " '**No, father Abraham**,' he said, '**but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.**' He (Abraham) said to him, '**if they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.**' "

KINGDOM PRINCIPLE: There's an inseparable _____
between life as you live it now and how you spend eternity.

God lets you _____ to respond to His love.
He will not force you into a relationship with Him.

TRUTHS YOU ARE DYING TO KNOW...

1. The dead are still _____.
2. The dead retain their essential _____.
3. Death is the final _____.
4. Hell is the place of eternal _____.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW?

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV) "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the **road that leads to destruction**, and **many enter through it.** ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV) "Just as man is **destined to die once**, and after that to **face judgment**, ²⁸ so **Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people**; and He will **appear a second time**, not to bear sin, but to **bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.**"