

Status and Wealth aren't everything
Luke 16:19-31

THE RICH MAN

19 "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

The Rich Man's life was going good.

A Poor Man Named Lazarus.

20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

Lazarus' life was not going good.

22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried,

The Rich man and Lazarus have only one thing in common: they died.

23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And 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.'

The Rich Man's Life was going good, until it wasn't

Lazarus' Life wasn't going good, until it was.

25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' 29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.' "

The rich man was rich, but that's all he was, he was just rich.

Status and wealth count for nothing. Trusting in Jesus counts for everything.

What am I trusting in?

Who around me is in need?