

Rich Man—Poor Man

Luke 16:14-31

1. **A Contrast in** _____

Luke 16:19-21

2. **A Contrast in** _____

Luke 16:22

3. **A Contrast in** _____

Luke 16:23-24

4. **Lessons**

Luke 16:25-31

For the Family

Jesus told the Pharisees, *“You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts.”* (Luke 16:15)

Talk about how easy it is to spend a lot of time and money making ourselves look good on the outside. But God doesn’t look on the outside; he looks at our heart.

Read together 1 Samuel 16:4-13

Explain that God is going to show Samuel who the next king will be. The first king, Saul, looked very good on the outside, but turned out to be a king who ignored God, and God has rejected him as king. Who will the next king be?

Samuel goes to the house of Jesse; the new king will be one of his sons. When Samuel sees Jesse’s son Eliab, he thinks this must be the one. But God tells Samuel that Eliab is not the one. He explains that *“man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”*

Jesse brings his son Abinidab before Samuel, but he is not the one. Jesse brings Shammah before Samuel, but he is not the one. Jesse brings seven of his sons before Samuel, but none of them were chosen. Finally, they bring David before Samuel. *“And the Lord said, ‘Arise, anoint him, for this is he.’”* (1 Samuel 16:12)

David was the youngest and had been assigned to take care of the sheep. He wasn’t tall like Saul, or experienced in battle, yet God chose him to be king. God looks at the heart. He saw in David’s heart a man who would be a good king.

Talk together about how it is more important what God thinks of us than what other people think about us. Other people only see what’s on the outside, but God sees what is on the inside. It is more important to become good and strong on the inside, than to try to impress people with our appearance.

Pray together that you will help each other build strong hearts that will seek after God. Pray that having a good heart will be more important to you than impressing others with your outward appearance.