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The Parables of Luke 16



The material in this chapter centers around the theme of the proper use of possessions and wealth. The first parable, the Parable of the Shrewd Manager (click link to see Hw), was spoken primarily to Jesus' apostles. It has two sets of sayings concerning money (Luke 16:9, 11 and 13) and the Pharisaic love of money (Luke 16:14-15) have been added. The second parable, the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazaruz (Hx), was addressed to the Pharisees because of their response to the first parable. In the middle of the chapter we find sayings concerning the Torah (Luke 16:16-17) and divorce (Luke 16:18), which appear to be unrelated to the main theme of the chapter. The chapter can be divided into two parts according to the two audiences in the chapter (Luke 16:1-13 is addressed to the apostles and Luke 16:14-31 is addressed to the Pharisees) or into three parts (Luke 16:1-8, 16:9-15, 16:16-31) according to the form of the material in the chapter (parable, sayings, parable).