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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).[1126]