



## WHAT TO DO WHILE YOUR LIFE IS HAPPENING “Look Beyond Retirement” Luke 16:14-31

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### **I. Laughing on the Other Side of Your Face. vv. 14-18**

- A. A derisive reaction. v. 14
  - 1. Pharisees “loved money.”
  - 2. Jesus challenged them.
  - 3. They ridiculed Him.
- B. A decisive response. vv. 15-18
  - 1. Don’t laugh—your motives are showing. v. 15
  - 2. Don’t laugh—you’re missing the point. vv. 16-17
  - 3. Don’t laugh—you’re mistaken in principle. v. 18

### **II. Living on the Other Side of the Tracks. vv. 19-24**

- A. The poor man.
  - 1. His life.
    - a. Disabled.    b. Diseased.    c. Disregarded.
  - 2. His death.
    - a. Attended by angels.
    - b. Honored by Abraham.
  - 3. His spirit.
    - a. “Lazarus” — “he whom God helps.”
    - b. Poor generally regarded as pious. 1:46f
- B. The rich man.
  - 1. His life.
    - a. “Enjoying himself brilliantly.”
    - b. Conducting himself outrageously.
  - 2. His death.
    - a. In “Hades.” See 10:15; Acts 2:27, 31; Revelation 1:18; 20:14
    - b. In character.
      - i. Expecting pity having shown none.
      - ii. Demanding help having given none.
  - 3. His spirit.
    - a. Having dismissed the law and the prophets.
    - b. He had disregarded the Good News of the Kingdom.

### **III. Learning from the Other Side of the Grave. v. 25**

- A. Death leads to different destinies.
- B. Eternal destiny determined before death.
- C. Destiny is decided by faith and repentance.
- D. Disbelief will not be affected even by a resurrection.

**Points to ponder:** What is my attitude to the Risen One? What am I looking for beyond retirement? Where do I expect to be in eternity?