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# Me and Lazarus ?

Have **I** received good things in this life?

- God is the source (**James 1:16-17**)
- Work to have to share
  - *“Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”* (**Eph. 4:28**)
- Be thankful and generous
  - *“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”* (**2 Cor. 9:11**)
  - Both are contagious

# Me and Lazarus ?

Am **I** indifferent to the suffering of others?

- Am I self-centered or self-absorbed?
  - *“people who are self-centered aren’t able to please God”*  
**(Rom. 8:8, CEB)**
- Am I pre-occupied?
  - *“the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.”* **(Mt. 13:22)**
- Do I love my neighbor?
  - Do I *“go and do likewise”* **(Luke 10:37)**
- Does God’s love abide in me?
  - Do I back my words with action? **(1 John 3:16-18)**

# Me and Lazarus ?

Am **I** waiting until it's too late to seek mercy?

- Do I despise God's kindness and patience? (**Rom. 2:1-5**)
- Am I still waiting...
  - to obey gospel?
  - to get serious about discipleship?
- I would, but...
  - *"For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."*  
(**1 Thess. 5:2; see 2 Peter 3:10; Mt. 24:43**)
- *"Now is the day of salvation"* (**2 Cor. 6:2**)

# *Me* and Lazarus ?

Do *I* have loved ones I wish I could warn?

- Why don't we?
  - Fear of what we'll lose?
  - What about what they stand to lose?
- Why won't we?
- They ultimately will give an account (**Heb. 9:27**)
  - They "*have Moses and the prophets*" (**Luke 16:29**)
- They'll know someday...

...and know we didn't tell them



# *Me* and Lazarus ?

Help *me* to see myself in the Rich Man

Help *me* to become more like Lazarus

Will *I* listen to the One who **did rise** from the dead ?

