

OCTOBER 27, 2019

POVERTY AND THE GOSPEL
Luke 16:19-31

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that are not just, that are not for life, that are not harmonious or enjoyable.
Poverty is the absence of shalom in all its meanings."
—Bryant Myers, Walking with the Poor*

Lazarus' poverty is _____; he suffers
from a _____.

The rich man's poverty is _____;
he suffers from a "_____."

- He cannot see his _____ God-given
_____. Luke 16:11-15; 1Tim 6:17-18
- He cannot see the materially poor as _____.
Matt 9:36
- He lives a life _____ from the
materially poor. 2Cor 5:19; Gal 3:28

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—The Lausanne Covenant*

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What are some of the other challenges the materially poor are faced with, in addition to financial pressure?

In what ways do you see the lack of wholeness in the materially poor?

In what ways do you see a lack of wholeness affecting the materially well off?

In what ways do you see our broken relationships affecting our solutions to poverty?

Read Col 1:16-17. How can the wholeness Jesus brings help us in addressing poverty?

What is God teaching you about being made whole?

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Lazarus' poverty is **OBVIOUS**; he suffers from
a **LACK OF MATERIAL GOODS**.

The rich man's poverty is **LESS OBVIOUS**; he
suffers from a **"POVERTY OF BEING:"**

• He cannot see his **OWN** God-given **POTENTIAL**.
Luke 16:11-15; 1Tim 6:17-18

• He cannot see the materially poor as **PEOPLE**.
Matt 9:36

• He lives a life **SEGREGATED** from the materially
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