

# The Marks of A Spiritual Man-8/25/19

TEXT –Luke 18 12 16

**Luke 18:18-27** And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. 20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. 21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. 22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. 24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? 27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

**INTRO – Luke 12:15-21** And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

**Luke 16:20-31** And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither

can they pass to us, that would come from thence. 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

A W Tozer Outline on The Marks of s Spiritual Man–

**I. There Must Be A desire to Holy More Than To Be Happy**

**II. He Wants To See The Honor Of God**

**III. The Spiritual Man Is Willing To Carry His Cross**

**IV. Sees Everything From God's Viewpoint**

**V. The Desire to Die Right Rather Than To Live Wrong**

**VI. The Desire To See Others Advance At His Expense**

**VII. Makes Eternity Judgments Instead of Time Judgments**

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. How rich are you toward God?

Wealthy farmer was rich in every direction. Missionary asked how rich are you in the upward direction?

Why did God call this wealthy man in Luke 12 a fool?

1. His attitude toward God

Personal pronouns – I, I, I, I, Myself

He left God out of his life

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Be faithful to the Lord and loyal to your church

2. His attitude toward others

Nothing is mentioned of him doing anything for anyone else.

We must serve others! Must learn the secret of service which leads to happiness

3. His influence

What could be said of you and your influence?

**You can touch a life for god or evil**

**4. His attitude toward life**

**How fleeting is the span of life**

**Keep on the sunny side of life**

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