sermon notes

November 8, 2026 | Elder Forrest Tilger, Messiah Bible Church
“Eyes to See” | **Luke 16:19–31**

1. _____ Do Not Determine Your Standing _____ (Luke 16:19–21)

2. _____ Does Not Determine Your Standing

_____ (Luke 16:22–26)

3. _____ is Sufficient to Warn and Call Us to

_____(Luke 16:27–31)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER
In Luke 16:14–15, Jesus describes the Pharisees as lovers of money who justified themselves before men. How does this help us understand why Jesus tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus? What contrasts does Jesus establish between the rich man and Lazarus in verses 19–21? What do those contrasts reveal about their earthly circumstances? In verses 22–26, both men die, and their eternal circumstances are reversed. What does this teach us about the temporary nature of earthly wealth and suffering? Why does Abraham tell the rich man that his brothers already have Moses and the Prophets? What does this reveal about the authority and sufficiency of God’s Word?

GET PERSONAL
Do you ever associate material wealth, financial success, or comfort with God’s approval? Why? Is there a “Lazarus at your gate”—someone in need whom you may have become accustomed to overlooking? If your possessions, income, and position were taken away, what would remain as the foundation of your identity and confidence before God? Are you storing up treasures on earth, or are you investing your resources in things that have eternal significance?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE
Identify one practical way you can help someone who is struggling financially, physically, or emotionally this week. Consider your spending, saving, and giving. What change could you make to better reflect Matthew 6:19–21? Pray for someone who does not know Christ, and look for an opportunity to share the Gospel with them. What is one specific action you can take this week to be more attentive to the needs of the people God has placed around you?

ADVANCED QUESTION
How does Luke 16:19–31 challenge the belief that prosperity proves God’s favor? Compare Job 1:1–22 and James 2:1–7. The rich man recognizes Lazarus and remembers his former life after death. What does this passage reveal about consciousness, memory, and personal identity after death?

FINAL REFLECTION
Jesus gives us eyes to see what the world often fails to recognize: earthly wealth is temporary, eternity is real, and God’s Word calls us to respond. Where is your treasure, and what does your life reveal about what you truly believe?