

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
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Trust in eternal riches, not in human wealth.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man
Monday	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The good fight of faith
Tuesday	Proverbs 22:1-9, 16	The rich versus the poor
Wednesday	Proverbs 29:11-28	Helpers of the poor lack nothing
Thursday	Revelation 3:14-22	Being rich or poor in God
Friday	Philippians 4:10-13	The secret of being content
Saturday	Psalms 49	Riches do not endure
Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And religion does not make your life rich, by making you content with what you have. We didn't bring anything into this world, and we won't take anything with us when we leave. So we should be satisfied just to have food and clothes. **1 Timothy 6:6-8 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we are truly rich because of you. Help us to be generous to others. Amen.
(1 Timothy 6:17-18)

Mealtime Prayer:

God, we're so blessed with what you've sent. May we be thankful and content. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God keep you from wandering away. May God make you faithful, loving, dependable, and gentle. Amen. (1 Timothy 6:10-11)



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Talk about a time when you were in need and someone helped you.
- Read the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31. Who do you identify with in the story: the rich man, Lazarus, Abraham, or the rich man's brothers? Why?
- What are the needs of people that you are aware of? How does the church make a difference for them?

DEVOTIONS

Psalms 146 gives praise to God for those who hope in God and put their trust in God. Read Psalm 146 three times slowly. Each time, focus on the words that get your attention. Reflect on thoughts and questions that emerge for you. Take a moment of silence to hear God's word. What might God want to say to you in this psalm? Conclude by praying the words of Psalm 146.

SERVICE

1 Timothy 6:18 urges Christians to "be rich in good deeds and be generous and willing to share." Take a household shopping trip to buy canned goods and non-perishable food items to give away to a food pantry or a home in need.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The change of seasons is a good time to go through our wardrobes and identify clothes that we rarely wear or no longer require. Make time this week to sort through your clothes and toys and set aside these items to give away to a local charity or to a home that would appreciate them. Consider making this a seasonal practice.



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