

## **Luke Lesson 70 Handout**

### **Acts 12:19–23 (AMP)**

**19** And when Herod had looked for him and could not find him, he placed the guards on trial and commanded that they should be led away [to execution]. Then [Herod] went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed on there.

**21** On an appointed day Herod arrayed himself in his royal robes, took his seat upon [his] throne, and addressed an oration to them.

**22** And the assembled people shouted, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man!

**23** And at once an angel of the Lord smote him and cut him down, because he did not give God the glory (the preeminence and kingly majesty that belong to Him as the supreme Ruler); and he was eaten by worms and died.

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**The account of King Agrippa's death is told by Flavius Josephus:**

**"Now when Agrippa had reigned three years over all Judea, he came to the city Caesarea [...] There he exhibited shows in honor of the emperor [...] On the second day of the festival, Herod put on a garment made wholly of silver, and of a truly wonderful contexture, and came into the theater early in the morning; at which time the silver of his garment was illuminated by the fresh reflection of the sun's rays upon it. It shone out after a surprising manner, and was so resplendent as to spread a horror over those that looked intently upon him. At that moment, his flatterers cried out [...] that he was a god;**

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**Luke 16:1–18 (NASB95)**

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**3** "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.

**4** 'I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.'

**5** "And he summoned each one of his master's debtors, and he began saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

**6** "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

**7** "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

**8** "And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.

**9** "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

**10** "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

**11** "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?

**12** "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

**13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."**

**14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him.**

**15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.**

**16 "The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.**

**17 "But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.**

**18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.**

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**Skip Heitzig – Calvary Albuquerque - Jesus uses the story as an attention-getter, as a hook to shock people, and to get their attention, and to teach a good lesson from a bad example. And here it is, here's the basic thrust of it: If believers were as determined in their spiritual lives about spiritual things and their future as unbelievers are in their physical, temporal lives, things would be a lot different, but they are not.**

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**Use the money you have today to buy friends for heaven. Use the money, the resources you have right now -your physical resources, your money, to purchase friends for heaven.**

**You say, "Well, what do you mean by that?" You could invest your money now in such a way so that when you get to heaven, you will have planted seeds with your money, your finances, so that you will have a welcoming committee in heaven. Wouldn't that be a wonderful thought? "I'm here in heaven because of you giving to that mission project, or you giving to that ministry, or that television, that radio thing, buying those tracts, those**

## **Bibles for that event."**

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People give a variety of gifts through Gospel for Asia's *Christmas Gift Catalog* each year—from sewing machines to water buffalo to rickshaws to chickens. A [sewing machine](#) can enable someone to stitch and sell clothes; a water buffalo can provide milk or plow a field; a rickshaw can give someone a business ferrying passengers or goods; and chickens yield eggs. But how can a pair of pigs help a family in need?

Kamya received a pair of pigs.

"It is very hard for me and for my husband to manage the family," said Kamya, a believer in a local congregation. "We do not have any income source, and I cannot help my husband because we have two small children and I have to take care of them. I would have to stay at home and rear domestic animals and sell them for our income, but we do not have money to buy them. Today I got two pigs, one male and one female. I am very glad because my problems will be solved if I rear them and they grow up well. I can make money and help my husband and also save money in a few months for my daughter's school admission."

Yaswar carried the heavy water pots on his shoulders. The long walk to the nearest water source wearied the 51-year-old's body, but his main job was to make sure the workers at the tea garden had water to drink when they needed it.

As a believer in Christ, Yaswar spent time with other Christians. He shared his problem with his pastor, Gospel for Asia-supported pastor Kundan.

"I am facing a problem in doing my duty [at the tea garden]," Yaswar told Pastor Kundan. "Because I have to carry water pots on my

shoulders and walk for a long distance, I find it so difficult to do this job. I need time, but all the workers are asking me to come on time. Because of this hard work, my whole body is weak and tired. But I have no other option.”

Understanding Yaswar’s need, Pastor Kundan gifted Yaswar with a bicycle he could use while he fetched water for his co-workers at the tea garden. Yaswar could finally relieve his weary body by carrying the heavy water pots on his bicycle as he rode the long distance.

“I am very glad,” he said. “Our church has great compassion for the downtrodden community.”

***Kia, a widow, was wondering how she was going to meet her children’s basic needs. It seemed like she was always late in paying her children’s schooling fees. She worked weaving traditional dresses, but whenever she got sick, she was unable to work at all.***

***Tears of joy washed down Kia’s face when she found out she would be given the pigs to help her.***

***Kia took good care of her piglets. Before long the two pigs became nine, and when school season came around, Kia decided to sell seven piglets. The money she earned from that paid for her children’s education fees completely!***

***“I am so thankful to God for blessing me,” Kia said. “My children could continue their education, and the income that I got from selling the piglets has enabled me to run the family without much struggle. I am so excited, and I am very thankful to our leaders for their love and concern for poor people like me.”***

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**Acts 2:42** They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Acts 20:7** On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.<sup>8</sup> There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. <sup>9</sup> And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead....

**1 Cor. 16:19** - The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house.

**Acts 2:43** Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

**44** And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

**45** and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

**46** Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were

**taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,**

**47praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.**

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