THE GOSPEL DEMANDS RADICAL GIVING
Luke 16:19-31

The Foundations...
- We do not compare...
  - Jesus’ life is our **standard**.
- We do not despair...
  - Jesus’ presence is our **hope**.
- We avoid apathy...
  - Jesus’ words are our **authority**.
- We avoid lethargy...
  - Jesus’ glory is our **goal**.

The Story...
- A Divine Contrast:
  - God responds to the needs of the poor with **compassion**.
  - God responds to those who neglect the poor with **condemnation**.
- An Eternal Consequence:
  - If we indulge ourselves and neglect the poor...
    - Earth will be our **heaven**.
    - Eternity will be our **hell**.
- A Clear Choice:
  - Continue in hollow **religion** that neglects the poor.
    - Caring for the poor is not an optional **extra** in salvation.
    - Caring for the poor is necessary **evidence** of salvation.
  - Turn in honest **repentance** to care for the poor.
    - Hear the Word **humbly**.
    - Obey the Word **quickly**.

The Bottom Line...
We are NOT motivated to care for the poor by **guilt**;
we are motivated to care for the poor by the **Gospel**.