

## **SPIRITUAL TASK —LAZARUS** (Luke 16)

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**Story** The Lord tells a story about a rich man and a poor beggar named Lazarus. The poor man desired to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, but he wouldn't give him anything. They both died and the poor man ended up in heaven, comforted, and the rich man in hell, tormented.

**Meaning** We are taught that being rich means being rich in knowledges of what is good and true. To be poor is to not know these things. However, it is the good inside us that determines our eternal lot, not truth apart from good. The rich man went to hell because he only cared for himself. The poor man went to heaven because he desired to do what was good and right but had no understanding of how. He did what he could with what he knew and his life was difficult (sores).

**Task** This week take some information that you consider to be valuable to you and share it with someone else. It could mean telling them about your religion and the things you find useful in it. As the Lord said: *You are the light of the world.... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*