

Are You Persuaded? by Kirk Hunt

*Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’
And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they
will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, nei-
ther will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’*

[Luke 16:29-31](#) NKJV
[Please also read Luke 16:19-31](#)

The parable of *The Rich Man and Lazarus* has always haunted me. Simply put, Jesus is telling us that there are limits to grace and mercy. Those who are not persuaded will be prosecuted. It takes an overt act of mercy or grace when our holy and just God withholds justice and judgment.

Mercy is not receiving the punishment or penalties you earned. Grace is receiving gifts and benefits you do not merit. Mercy and grace suspend, or refuse, justice and judgment.

At [Psalm 103:8-10](#), King David explained simply: God will not restrain His anger indefinitely. You can listen voluntarily now or be [compelled before His judgment throne](#). Do the math.

Being teachable does not make a man or woman weak or gullible. We listen to wisdom, and compare it with scripture, think carefully and pray thoroughly. Then we make a decision.

You have been exposed to Scripture and Godly teachers. Are you persuaded? When judgment and prosecution comes, it will then be too late.

Think: God speaks through scripture and teachers. Are you listening?

Pray: “Lord, guide me to Your truth and make me teachable.”

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