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Luke 12:32-34

Luke 14:33

Luke 16:13-14

Luke 18:18-23

Luke 18:29-30

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- c. Probably _____.
- d. _____!
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