

Jesus Teaches His Disciples

Lesson #2 – How to Keep Covetousness Out of Their Life

Luke 12:13-34

As Jesus was teaching one of the biggest crowds ever assembled during His ministry, a man _____ Him with a request to _____ in an inheritance issue with his brother. Jesus refused to do so, but used the opportunity to teach on another subject: _____ and worry over necessities.

I. Bold Request

“And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he _____ the inheritance with me. ¹⁴And he said unto him, Man, who made me a _____ or a _____ over you?” Luke 12:13-14

“speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me” –

“Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?” –

II. Beware of Covetousness – Accumulating Possessions

➤ Thesis Statement:

“And he said unto them, Take _____, and _____ of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the _____ of the _____ which he possesseth.” Luke 12:15

“Take heed, and beware of covetousness” –

“man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth” –

➤ Supportive Parable:

“And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The _____ of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: ¹⁷And he _____ within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? ¹⁸And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and _____ greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my _____, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many _____; take thine _____, eat, drink, and be merry. ²⁰But God said unto him, Thou _____, this night thy _____ shall be required of thee: then whose shall those _____ be, which thou hast provided?”
Luke 12:16-20

1) *Rich man's dilemma – too much _____*

2) *Rich man's decisions – save for the _____*

3) *Rich man's desires - _____ success and security*

4) *Rich man's death – eternity _____ God*

➤ **Jesus' Application of Parable:**

**“So is he that layeth up _____ for himself, and is not _____ toward God.”
Luke 12:21**

“treasure for himself” vs. “rich toward God”

III. Beware of Worry – Necessities of Life

➤ **Thesis Statement**

“And he said unto his _____, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall _____; neither for the body, what ye shall _____.²³The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.” Luke 12:22-23

“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life” –

“The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.” –

➤ **Supportive Illustrations:**

○ **Ravens**

“Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God _____ them: how much more are ye _____ than the fowls?” Luke 12:24

○ Stature/Length of Life

“And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature (Lit. - _____) one cubit?

²⁶ If ye then be not able to do that thing which is _____, why take ye thought for the rest?”

Luke 12:25-26

○ Lilies

“Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so _____ the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he _____ you, O ye of little faith?” Luke 12:27-28

➤ Jesus’ Believers’ Application

“And seek not ye what ye shall _____, or what ye shall _____, neither be ye of doubtful mind (Lit. - _____). ³⁰ For all these things do the nations of the world (Lit. _____) seek after: and your Father _____ that ye have need of these things. ³¹ But rather _____ ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. ³² _____ not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ _____ that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Luke 12:29-34

○ “seek not” – “what ye shall eat”/“what ye shall drink” -

○ “neither be ye of doubtful mind” –

○ “But rather” -

1) “seek ye the kingdom of God” → “all these things shall be added unto you”

2) “Fear not” → “it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom”

3) “sell that ye have, and give alms” → “a treasure in the heavens that faileth not”

- **And Realize**

“For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also” –