

## 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. <sup>14</sup>And 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: <sup>17</sup>And he \_\_\_\_\_ within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? <sup>18</sup>And 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. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my \_\_\_\_\_, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many \_\_\_\_\_; take thine \_\_\_\_\_, eat, drink, and be merry. <sup>20</sup>But 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 \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>23</sup>The 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?  
<sup>26</sup> 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. - \_\_\_\_\_). <sup>30</sup> For all these things do the nations of the world (Lit. \_\_\_\_\_) seek after: and your Father \_\_\_\_\_ that ye have need of these things. <sup>31</sup> But rather \_\_\_\_\_ ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. <sup>32</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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. <sup>34</sup> 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” –

