

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



*glimpses
of glory*

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The Heart of the Money Problem: A Problem of the Heart Luke 12:13-34

REVIEW LAST WEEK (Luke 12:1-12): Valuing God's Favor More Than the World's Disfavor

1. What happens to you in the world has no consequence in eternity. (v. 12:4)
2. The severe consequences of caving in to worldly fear. (vv. 12:8-10)
3. Lean on the Holy Spirit to guide you. (v. 12:11)

Our Lives are not What We Have in this World (vv. 12:13-21)

Jesus reminds us...

1. ... of the dangers of *covetousness*. (vv. 13-15)

Luke 12:13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." **14** But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" **15** And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

2. ... that poor stewardship of God-given time and resources is *foolishness*. (vv. 16-21)

Luke 12:16 And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, **17** and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' **18** And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.' **19** And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'"

Luke 12:20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' **21** So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

3. ... that a proper view of "stuff" should result in a proper posture in our hearts – *peace*. (vv. 22-23)

Luke 12:22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. **23** For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing."

We can Trust that our Father is Working to Provide all that is Needed (vv. 24-31)

1. **God's faithfulness to all of creation serves as a reminder of his faithfulness to us.**
Luke 12:24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 26 If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!
2. **A disciple's trust in the Father's provision leads to a distinctly different lifestyle than the rest of the world.**
Luke 12:29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

A Heart of Giving is a Safeguard from a Life of Covetousness (vv. 32-34)

Luke 12:32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Reflection/Discussion

1. Jesus reminds us in Luke 12:13-21 that our lives are not meant to be measured by our worldly possessions, but rather by our stewardship as we look towards eternity. Read the parable of the rich fool (vv. 16-21) and consider whether you are falling into this way of thinking.
2. We are reminded of God's great faithfulness to all his creations (vv. 24-28). Spend time this week in prayer thanking God for his faithfulness and provision, and ask for the Holy Spirit to help you to seek the kingdom above all else.
3. Jesus finishes this teaching by commanding his followers to adopt a heart of giving (vv. 32-34), and reminds us that what we treasure will reveal where our hearts lay. He gives his followers a practical challenge: "Sell your possessions, and give to the needy." Prayerfully consider doing this in the coming week.

SONGS

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD"

"STAND IN YOUR LOVE"

"I GIVE YOU MY HEART"

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

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