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THE FEAR OF NOT HAVING ENOUGH

Luke 12:13-21

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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."

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." ' **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."

(ESV)

1. Don't _____

(vv.13-14, 16-19)

2. Beware _____

(vv.15a, 21)

3. Realize _____

(vv.15b, 20)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Exodus 20:17** and **Colossians 3:5**. Define "covetousness" in your own words. What can you do to become more vigilant about this sin and its temptation?
2. Read **1 Timothy 6:6-9**. What are some of the "evils" that stem from this "desire to be rich"?
3. Read **Ecclesiastes 5:10-20**. What are some of the most needed and helpful principles from this text for your current situation and why?
4. Read **1 Timothy 6:17-19**. What counsel could you offer a Christian if he is trying to learn how to "enjoy" what God provides (v.17) without those things becoming a cause for idolatry (cf. Col.3:5)?
5. Read **Psalms 73:23-26**. What steps might you take this week to see your heart move more in the direction of this testimonial?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

January 10th

Gen.25-26 & Mt.9:1-17

January 11th

Gen.27-28 & Mt.9:18-38

January 12th

Gen.29-30 & Mt.10:1-23

January 13th

Gen.31-32 & Mt.10:24-42

January 14th

Gen.33-35 & Mt.11

January 15th

Gen.36-37 & Mt.12:1-21

January 16th

Gen.38-40 & Mt.12:22-50

January 17th

Gen.41 & Mt.13:1-32

Audio and video recordings of today's sermon will be available on the Compass website (CompassChurch.org). The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 12-39 – **The Wealth of Those Who Don't Seem to Have Much**

Msg. 09-24 – **Faith, Stress & Money: Rethinking Biblical Faith in a Down Economy**

Msg. 08-05 – **Money Madness: Finding Peace in the Storm of Materialism**

Msg. 07-35 – **Countercultural Christians: Contentment Instead of Materialism**

Msg. 03-22 – **Where You're Planted: When the Grass Looks Greener**

Msg. 11-07 – **Excelling in Generosity**

Msg. 10-33 – **Strategic Rest & A Godly Work Ethic**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

Barclay, William B. **The Secret of Contentment**. P & R Publishing, 2011.

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Blomberg, Craig L. **Neither Poverty nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Burroughs, Jeremiah. **The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1981.

Getz, Gene. **Real Prosperity: Biblical Principles of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1990.

Henry, Matthew. **The Pleasantness of a Religious Life: A Puritan's View of the Good Life**. Christian Focus, 1998.

Horn, Connie Beyer. **I Have Enough**. [Children's book: Ages 4-7.] Concordia Publishing, 1999.

Lockyer, Herbert. **Last Words of Saints and Sinners**. Reprint. Kregel Classics, 2000.

Kroll, Woodrow. **Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself**. Back to the Bible, 1996.

MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God Cares for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.

Nash, Ronald. **Poverty and Wealth: The Christian Debate Over Capitalism**. Crossway, 1986.

Smith, Christian. **Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money**. Oxford Press, 2008.

Sweeting, Donald. **How to Finish the Christian Life: Following Jesus in the Second Half**. Moody Press, 2012.

Wilson, Doug. **Joy at the End of the Tether: The Inscrutable Wisdom of Ecclesiastes**. Canon Press, 1999.