

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Luke 12:13-21

Current Series: The Stories Jesus Told

Message Title: The Gravity of Greed

Five foolish assumptions of greed:

1. That earthly treasures are more important than my _____ condition or my _____
(vv. 13-14)
2. That genuine life comes from having an abundance of _____ (v. 15b)
3. That what I've _____ and what I _____ belongs to _____
(vv. 16-17)
4. That money can give me ultimate _____ and _____ over my present and my future
(vv. 18-19)
5. That this life is all there is, so my actions and attitudes towards money have no bearing on my _____ (v. 20)

The only wise solution to greed:

Be _____ toward God (v. 21).

Life Group Message Discussion Questions

Luke 12:13-21

1. Why do you think the subject of money is addressed so often in the Bible, and particularly in Jesus' parables?
2. Based upon Luke 12:13-21, come up with a one-sentence definition of greed.
3. In what way(s) does greed reveal one's unbelief?
4. How does one's greed affect those around him or her? How does it impact our culture?
5. As a Christ-follower, is it wrong to be rich? Is it wrong to save up so that you can retire? Is it wrong to use money to better your circumstances if you get the opportunity? Why or why not?
6. What is the difference between healthy spending and saving and unhealthy spending and saving? At what point does spending and saving become greed?
7. What do you think it means to be "rich toward God" (v. 21), and how might that keep us from greed?
8. What types of accountability or habits have you developed to protect yourself from greed?