



Week of November 2, 2014

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." 16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ' 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' 21 "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

1 Timothy 6:17-19

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Growth Group Discussion Guide

"Growing Upward, Inward, Outward, and Forward"

THANKSGIVING

Sermon Outline / The Antidote for Materialism

- If your household brings in more than \$37,000 you are in the top 4% of wage earners in the world!
- So why has God blessed us with so much EXTRA?
- Jesus says that our extra is for those in need.
- 1 Tim. 6:17 warns us that money can make us arrogant and it can become our source of hope.
- To guard against this, we are commanded in 1 Tim. 6:18-19 to be generous.
- Generosity is the antidote for materialism.
- Three types of giving we can take part in are:
 - Priority Giving
 - Percentage Giving
 - Progressive giving

WELCOME – Getting to Know Each Other Better

- What does your "extra" money look like? Where does it go?
- Have you ever been to a place where people were truly poor and in need? How did it change your outlook?

WORD - Applying Scripture to Our Lives

ATTENTION: *Please think through these ahead of time, so when you get to your Growth Group you will be prepared to discuss.*

1. What did you think about the idea that we all have "extra" money?
2. What is a steward?
3. According to Luke 16:10-13, how does God view our management of what He entrusts to us?
4. What was the farmer's "problem" in Luke 12?
5. What did he assume about his extra?
6. What did Jesus teach about this?
7. What dangers does 1 Timothy 6:17 warn us about with regard to money?
8. What is the antidote to these dangers?
9. How would you define generosity?
10. What three types of giving did Pastor Casey mention?
11. What is the benefit of each type of giving?



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