

Set Apart From Money

Luke 12:13-21

1. Our Concern: Fairness Or Faithfulness (13-14; cf. Prov 21:20)

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?"

2. Our Attitude: Covetousness Or Stewardship (15a; cf. Ex 20:17; Col 3:5; Eph 5:5; Heb 13:5; 1 Tim 6:9; Lk 12:42-44)

^{15a} And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness,

3. Our Identity: Things Or God (15b; cf. 1 Tim 6:9-10)

^{15b} for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

4. Our Philosophy: Personal Or Productive (16-19; cf. Eccl 5:19-20)

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.'"

This fool had 3 problems:

- a) He couldn't evaluate His own soul
- b) He could only think of Himself
- c) He couldn't enjoy riches as God's gift

5. Our Accountability: Earthly Treasures Or Heavenly Treasure (20-21; cf. Mt 6:19-21; Eccl 2:18-19; Heb 9:27)

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."

6. Our Legacy: Wasted Or Purposeful (20; cf. Eccl 2:18-21)

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Conclusion: Matthew 6:33

- God and money: Be grateful for what you have
- Others and money: Be generous with what you have
- Self and money: Don't let greed define you with what we have or lack.
- Future and money: Plan for eternity. Right now counts forever.