

Keeping Up with All of Your Possessions

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

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.”

Luke 12:15

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.

Luke 12:16

The Rich Man (fool) Used His Talent to Produce an Abundant Harvest.

In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man

was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

Job 1:1

“Money”, by William H. Davies

One should not love money,
Of that I have no doubt.
But I'm just as sure that being
poor is no cure—
so I'd rather be with, than
without.

*He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ **Luke 12:17***

*“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. 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.”’ **Luke 12:18-19***

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” **Psalm 14:1**

Four Reasons Possessions Make Terrible gods.

1. Our Possessions Promise Us Happiness, but Produce Discontent.

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

2. Our Possessions Promise Us Security, but Produces Worry.

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

3. Our Possessions Promise Self-Esteem, but Produce Egotism.

4. Our Possessions Promise Friendship, but Produce Contention.

*Many curry favor with a ruler, and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts. **Proverbs 19:6***

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” **Luke 6:38***

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in

many expressions of thanks to God. **2 Corinthians 9:12**

“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?’ **Luke 12:20**

The Rich Fool Died Suddenly, Leaving It All Behind

What really matters in the end?

Three Ways to Overcome Materialism

1. Worship Regularly

2. Give Proportionately

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

Matthew 6:19

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:20-21

3. Live Tentatively

Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.”

James 4:13

Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

James 4:14-15