

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ❖ What did you like to collect when you were a kid? How about today? What do you think will matter to you 300 years from now? Notice again Luke 12:15 – How do advertisements contradict this?
- ❖ Read Luke 12:13-15 and discuss how much you can agree with this statement: “Jesus’ answer in verse 14 shows that the Lord won’t judge us for how we set up our wills or our estates, or for what we do with any inheritance we might receive.”
- ❖ What was Jesus really warning about in Luke 12:15 when he said “watch out!”? In considering Jesus’ parable, is there ever a legitimate reason for building “bigger barns?”
- ❖ Read Deuteronomy 8:10-18 which the people in Jesus’ audience would have been familiar with. What relevance do these verses have with the attitudes the man in Jesus’ parable reflected? How about your attitudes about wealth? How pervasive is the attitude, “Take life easy; eat, drink, and be merry!” in our culture? How should we take warning from Jesus’ parable?
- ❖ How would you describe a person today who is “rich toward God” as Jesus says in Luke 12:21? How do you reconcile 1 Timothy 6:17-19 with Ephesians 2:8-9, or with Romans 6:23?



“Adding it Up All Wrong”

Luke 12:13-21 (p. 1031)

Our systems for keeping score

* Typically _____.

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV) “The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

* Always _____.

* Usually _____.

How can I get it wrong?

1. Confusing _____ with _____.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT) “Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness!”

Hosea 13:6 (NIV) “When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me.”

Matthew 16:26 (NLT) “How do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? Is anything worth more than your soul?”

2. Failing to _____ my _____.

Isaiah 58:10-11 (NIV) "If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV) 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. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 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.

3. Missing _____ in _____.

Psalms 39:4-6 (NLT) "LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away...An entire lifetime is just a moment to you...We are merely moving shadows, and all our busy rushing ends in nothing. We heap up wealth for someone else to spend."

4. Mistaking _____ as _____.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (TEV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.