



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 12:13-21 (NAS)

Topic: %Getting Rich Wisely+

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- 13 Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."
14 But He said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?"
15 Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."
16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive.
17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'
18 "Then he said, 'This is what I will do: 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 many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."
20 "But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?"
21 "So is the man who stores up treasure for himself. and is not rich toward God."

I. GREED

- A. It Shows Up In Our Desire
- B. It Distracts Us From The Things Of God
- C. It Creeps In Silently

II. CHANGING THE LOVE OF OUR HEART

- A. *Luke 16:13*
- B. Mark 4:18, 19

III. SEARCHING QUESTIONS

- A. Are Your Thoughts More Focused On Things Than God?
- B. Are You Willing To Do Evil To Get The Things You Want?

- C. How Do You Respond When You Lose Something Important To You?
- D. How Do You Spend Your Money?
- E. Which Do You Enjoy More: Your Things Or God?

IV. GREED DENIES

- A. Christian Stewardship Principles
- B. The Lordship Of Christ *Psalm 14:1; Psalm 24:1*
- C. Priority Relationships
- D. The Reality Of Eternity

V. INVEST IN TRUE RICHES

- A. The Love OF God *Matthew 22:39*
- B. The Love Of Others
- C. The Eternal Hope