



Luke 12:22-34
Pastor Ed Kemp

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, March 10
Sunday, March 13

Introduction

notes

¹"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."

Our moral standard to which we do not conform.

"...do not be anxious about how or what you are to speak..." ¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

¹⁵"Beware...against every form of greed;

Our internal obsession with getting more.

²²And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious (Present tense: constant state of mind) about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider (illustration #1) the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!

²⁵And which of you by worrying can add a *single* hour to his life's span? ²⁶If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters? ²⁷Consider (illustration #2) the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass in the field (illustration #3), which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more *will He clothe* you? You men of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. ³¹But seek His kingdom and these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

notes

[illegible]

GROUP DISCUSSION

Jesus the Philosopher: Answers for Life

Luke 12:22-34, March 10 & 13, 2022

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What was one thing you received when you were a child from your parents on your birthday or at Christmas that you really wanted and appreciated?

Read out loud: Luke 12:22-34

How do I win the battle of greed?

#1. Admit you're in the battle. Beware against every form of greed! What's one thing you hoard? What's one thing you've given up and sacrificed? When you give is it: easy, a joy, difficult, like pulling teeth with no Novocain?

#2. Realize greed is driven by anxiety. And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span? ²⁶If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters? What creates more stress in your life: inflation, the decline of the stock market or spending too much money? What's one strategy you use to reduce your anxiety over finances?

#3. Activate from belief to behavior. Seek His kingdom...Sell your possessions, Make money belts that do not wear out. What could you do to contribute more to the Kingdom? Could you: clean out your closet or garage and donate to the Hidden Treasures Rescue Mission Store, donate building materials to Habitat for Humanity, or donate time serving a meal at the Rescue Mission? Come up with a couple of ideas for how you could activate your faith from belief to behavior.

#4. Memorize Jesus Proverb. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Do you think memorizing scripture has any positive benefit and what are those benefits? What's the most meaningful verse of scripture you've memorized?

Family Time: Read Luke 12:34 and talk with your children about what they are most protective of with their siblings: toys, territory like their bedroom, or time with friends. How does their love for one of those impact their attitude toward the others. How does Jesus want them to adjust their attitude so that they show love toward their brothers/sisters/parents?