

THE GRACE-GOVERNED LIFE
Dependent on What God Has Provided

PART 4

GUARDING AGAINST GREED
Following the Way of Faith in a World of Fools
(Luke 12:13-21)

INTRODUCTION:

PREVIOUSLY: FROM MATTHEW 6:19-24

- When I make my plans and manage my possessions with little or no regard for God and His kingdom, it is an indication that my values have been inverted and my vision has been impaired. This is _____.

1A. THE _____ : (v. 13, 14)

"Someone in the crowd said to Him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But He said to him, 'Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?'"

- Q1: What is the real issue that needs to be addressed? Not the value (external) of the inheritance but the values (internal) of the petitioner.
- Q2: Why Did Jesus refuse to act as arbitrator? Because... He did not come to finalize divisions between parties, but to reconcile them.

2A. THE _____ : (v. 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.'"

- The abundant life will never be achieved through _____ or _____ . For _____ ≠ _____ .
- Greed is _____ — a God - _____ .

"Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry."

—Colossians 3:5

3A. THE _____ : (v. 16-20)

"And He told them a parable, saying,..."

1B. The Rich Man's _____. (v. 16, 17)

"The land of a rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'"

2B. The Rich Man's _____. (v. 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.'"

3B. The Rich Man's _____. (v. 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.'"

4B. The Rich Man's _____. (v. 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?"

"For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

—1 Timothy 6:7-11

4A. THE _____ : (v. 21)

"So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

- If you live as if _____ = _____, you are a _____.
- Life's _____, tomorrow's _____, the world's _____, our _____, and God's _____, should change... how we _____ about, how we _____ about, and how we _____ and _____ "our" earthly time and treasure.

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches,..."

—1 Timothy 6:17-19

CONCLUSION:

