

# The Gospel of Luke: We Are Living on Borrowed Time; part2

## Beware of Greed/Materialism! (Luke12:13-34)

### 1. The Doom of Materialism

A. The Warning: Beware! Be on \_\_\_\_\_!

1. Protective vigilance against all forms of greed (greed is like a chameleon, can be hard to see)
2. Money/wealth: amount doesn't matter it's what you do with it; focus = world or eternal?
3. **Abundance** (vs.15) is surplus; **life** = all that makes life worth living is **NOT** in wealth!
4. **John10:10** – abundant life is not of this world; **all that makes life worth really living is \_\_\_\_\_ ... and living for what is eternal!** \*Matt6:19-21!

B. The Example/Story – the rich \_\_\_\_\_

1. Very productive – Gk. we get euphoria; farming culture, great crop brought great joy!
2. What should I do? **\*sell it?** Floods market brings price down; build more barns, uses up precious land to farm; I'll tear down the old and build new larger barns to hold the grain!
3. I'll be set for life (vs.19) **\*like our retirement...** 8 I's and 4 My's here – focus is me!
4. He forgot, God, others and his own mortality! (vs.19-21) **\*\*\*James4:14!**
5. **The Point:** “so is the man” life focused on self, rather than using riches for God's plans!

### 2. The Cure for Materialism (2 categories/reasons given for Greed)

A. Reason 1 for Greed: \_\_\_\_\_ about the needs of this life; food, clothing, safety, comfort, retirement (inheritance vs.13), health (vs.22-23)

1. “Life is more than” vs.23 **\*\*\*What is THE PRIORITY of our lives?** \_\_\_\_\_
2. You exist for a higher purpose than just eating, drinking, scraping to get by; **food and fashion**  
\*You are \_\_\_\_\_ of God's kingdom! **Vs.32!!! \*Phil3:18-21**

B. Cure: \_\_\_\_\_ God, seek His kingdom! (vs.30,31)

1. God feeds the animals; birds, and clothes the grass -He will take care of you?! **Vs.24,27,28**  
**\*Psalm145:14-16**; 104:24-28 (speaks of all the aquatic life)
2. We can't add any length to our lives, not even an hour! God determines our lives! (vs.25)
3. Your Father knows your needs, He will take care of you! (vs.30-32) **\*Ps84:11,12; 2Cor9:8!**

C. Reason2 for Greed: (vs.33,34) We find our \_\_\_\_\_, value, and treasure in stuff and earthly things **\*rich fool and vs.15**; he thought trophies and treasures made life worth living...

\*The issue is where our \_\_\_\_\_ is, where is our heart anchored? Earth or heaven; **\*Lk8:14**

D. Cure: be \_\_\_\_\_ toward God! Seek the kingdom, give/sell your stuff, wealth, support the gospel! vs.33

1. **What shall I do with the abundance God has given me? You?**  
**\*Our heart follows our money!**
2. **Matt6:24**; Zaccheus = immediately gives away wealth, Rich yng ruler vs. Bartimaeus! (Lk18)  
**\*Lk14:33; Pearl of Great Price; the Narrow Gate... are you desperate for Christ?!!!**