

Gathering: Unbusy Yourself, Part 2 – Stewardship

Luke 12:13-21 ESV

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Question we'll answer today:

How do I stay faithful to God in a world tempting me with materialism and self-reliance?

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15 And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” – Luke 12:13-15 ESV

1. We must guard our hearts by putting God _____ over every desire.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me. – Exodus 20:3 ESV

The First commandment is about making _____ FIRST in our lives.

Live it out!

Question: What does it mean to place God above possessions (‘things’) or people in your life today?

What does it mean for you to put God first in your life (see Exodus 20:3 above)?

16 And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ 18 And he said, ‘I will do this: 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 ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ – Luke 12:16-19 ESV

2. We must choose _____ over covetousness.

Biblical contentment is trusting God to give me all I _____ need.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. – Psalm 23:1 NLT

34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. – Luke 12:34 ESV

Live it out!

Question: Where do I trust God for my needs, and where am I struggling to trust Him? What does His word say about the area I am struggling with towards Him? Is there something I am wanting but not needing this season?

20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” – Luke 12:20-21 ESV

3. We must _____ our lives in God’s kingdom, not our own.

10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. – 1 Timothy 6:10 NLT

“rich towards God” means 2 things:

- 1) Having a personal and committed _____ with God. (Mark 12:29-30)
- 2) Faithfully using what I have to _____ God’s kingdom, serve others, and honor Him. (Matthew 5:16, 6:33, 1 Peter 4:10)

Live it out!

Question: How am I building God’s kingdom in my life today? What is he asking me to be “rich” towards for Him?