



WEEK 1: Spend Wisely

December 5, 2021

Luke 12:15 - 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."

**Christmas Temptation #1: I DON'T have enough money to fund my version of an epic Christmas, so I'm tempted to go into DEBT**

Proverbs 22:7 - The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

**Christmas Temptation #2: I DON'T have enough money to fund my version of an epic Christmas, so I'm tempted to BITTERNESS and COVETOUSNESS**

1 Timothy 6:9-10 - But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Isaiah 55:1-2 - "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food."

**Christmas Temptation #3: I DO have enough money to fund my version of an epic Christmas, so I'm tempted to SPEND LIKE A FOOL**

Luke 12:15-21 - 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." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you

have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

1 Timothy 6:17-19 - As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

**How can we take from ourselves and give to others?**

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**Why do we take from ourselves to give to people who may not deserve it and cannot repay us?**

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."