

**Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions:
Living inSanity - Enough is Enough
Luke 12**

The materialistic mindset has effected and infected many in our culture with the idea that getting more money and possessions is the ultimate aim of life. The truth is materialism is the spirit of our age, and it has impacted all of us.

Luke 12 contains one of the many places in Scripture where God addresses the problem of materialism. It's interesting to note that 16 of the 38 parables of Jesus deal with money, possessions, their use, and their relationship to us.

Jesus never condemned wealth in and of itself, but he knows how easily our hearts can make money our god. Jesus knows, and he wants us to understand, that one of the greatest—if not the greatest—hindrances to spiritual life and spiritual growth is material wealth and the temptations that it brings with it.

If we are going to deal with chaos, we must deal with the temptation towards materialism.

1. The lie of materialism.
2. Guard against all kinds of greed.
3. Get your house in order.
 - the man in the parable:
 - was rooted in the world
 - he believed in materialism
 - he lived for the present
 - he had no thought of eternity

What happens when we switch our priorities and give our attention to possessions and not to God's kingdom?

Why do possessions often seem to be more important than they are? Explain. How can we make sure that the money we own doesn't own us?

4. Push back against materialism.

Do you operate with the mindset that you have to spend money to have a good time? Do you sometimes think that the only way to have a good time is to go somewhere and spend money for someone else to entertain you? How can you push back against that mindset?
Are your conversations filled with discussions of what you want to purchase?
Focus on how you can be rich toward God.