

Green with Envy
Luke 12:13-21

Intro: πλεονέκτης (pleonektās) is the word used in our passage for “greed” or “covetousness”. It actually comes from two greek words πλεόν (pleon) + ἔχων (ekōn). Pleon comes from a word which means “full” and ekōn means “to have”. This word means “having more”, “receiving more”, or “wanting more”. Christ warns His audience to recognize the symptoms of greed and to take precautions against it. Steps that apply to us still today.

I. The warning signs of greed

- A. When ones finances take precedence over the teaching of the Word. (13)

- B. When enough is not enough (16-18)

- C. When ones confidence is in their finances and not in the Lord (19)

- D. When earthly treasures are hoarded (21)

II. The precautions against greed

- A. Value **what** the Word, and not the world, values (15)

- B. Value **Who** the Word, and not the world, values (21)

Conclusion: If we do not put these precautions into place, the warning signs will come. If we ignore the warning signs then the result may be earthly gain, but it will also mean the loss of heavenly reward. May we lay up our treasures in Heaven and not upon the earth.