

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal. Matthew 6:20

The first difference between the ETH and the STH has a lot to do with the tyranny of the urgent.

Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But He said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?" Luke 12:13-14

"When we stop long enough to think about it, we realize that our dilemma goes deeper than shortage of time; it is basically a problem of priorities." Charles Hummel

The second difference between the ETH and the STH has a lot to do with our perspective on greed.

Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." Luke 12:15

Greed is like a termite. It's out of sight but boring deep into our hearts. It doesn't attract attention as it eats away at our ability to be generous.

Greed that comes from reasoning with yourself over your wants verses needs.

And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'" Luke 12:16-17

Greed that comes from hoarding.

Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods." Luke 12:18

Greed that comes with entitlement.

And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry." Luke 12:19

But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared? So is the man who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:20-21

The third difference between the ETH and the STH centers around worry.

And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing." Luke 12:22-23

Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds! Luke 12:24

And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span? If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters? Luke 12:25-26

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. Luke 12:27

But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you? You men of little faith! Luke 12:28

And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying. Luke 12:29

"Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow; it only saps today of its joy."

The final difference between the ETH and the STH is to the issue of trust.

For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things. Luke 12:30

But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Luke 12:31

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32

Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys. Luke 12:33

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