

ANXIETY AND FEAR DISPOSAL-3

Then Jesus said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ And He told them this parable: ‘The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops. Then he said, ‘This is what I will do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grains and my goods. And I will say to myself, you have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink, and be merry.’

But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be for anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” Then Jesus said to His disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.” (Luke 12:15-23).

In the manna story, Moses addressed the people. Now Jesus is the One doing the talking.

I. TALKING ABOUT GREED

- A. What is better than possessions?

- B. List the top five material things you wished you had

- C. How does knowing that your heavenly Father is caring for you change the way you view what you want?

- D. Jesus said “*Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? (Luke 12:25)* How can you apply this verse to the things about which you worry?

- E. What could persuade you that being part of God’s kingdom is better than building your own kingdom?

- F. Faith and worry can reveal the things we love the most. When and for what do you trust the Lord, and when and for what do you trust yourself?
- G. Describe what you think it might look like to trust God with your whole heart.

II. JESUS AND THE KINGDOM

“Seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well” Luke 12:31 The kingdom is where Jesus reigns. The kingdom is where all God’s promises are guaranteed or already fulfilled. It is with you now.

Forgiveness	Unity with God
A new heart	Unity with other people
Adoption as His child	Justice
Power to be more Christ like	Mercy
Unfailing love	Rest
A mission	Righteousness
Security	Joy
Resurrection	Peace

- A. What is Jesus saying to you in His talk about the kingdom? What should be your response?
- B. Your charitable giving is one way to gauge your financial fears. Based on your giving, what fears do you have?
- C. How does one break from a “dual alliance?”

CONCLUSION:

1. Why is it that Jesus says you don’t have to worry about finances? (See Luke 12:29,30)
2. What do your anxieties say about God?
3. Describe the kingdom (See Luke 12:32-34)

