



REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

LOOSENING THE GRIP OF GREED LUKE 12:13-21

INTRODUCTION: Many Christians consider “greed” to be an “acceptable sin” as opposed to adultery, drunkenness, or murder. But as we will discover today, greed has the ability to rob us of that which is most important in life.

I. A Request (Luke 12:13-14)

Luke 12:13 “And someone in the crowd said to Him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’”

Luke 12:14 “But He said to him, ‘Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?’”

II. A Warning (Luke 12:15)

Luke 12:15 “And 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.’”

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III. A Story (Luke 12:16-20)

Luke 12:16 “And He told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man was very productive.’”

Luke 12:17 “And he began reasoning to himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’”

Luke 12:18 “And 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 12:19 “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.’”

Proverbs 30:8-9 “⁸ Keep deception and lies far from me, give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is my portion, ⁹ Lest I be full and deny Thee and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or lest I be in want and steal, and profane the name of my God.”

Proverbs 23:4-5 “⁴ Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, cease from your consideration of it. ⁵ When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.”

Luke 12:20 “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?’”

Ecclesiastes 2:21 “For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it.”

IV. An Application (Luke 12:21)

Luke 12:21 “So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19 “¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.”

Conclusion