

Rediscover Jesus, Part 46: “Guard Against All Greed”

Luke 12:13-21

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¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?”

¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’

²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

One Thing

Guard your heart against all greed and let God be your greatest treasure.

Overview

- 1) Our demands reveal our desires (vv.13-14)
- 2) Our desires are tainted by our greed (v.15)
- 3) Our greed makes us live as if there is no God (vv.16-19)
- 4) God will require us to give final account for his provisions (vv.20-21)

Life Application

How can we guard against all greed?

- 1) Check your deepest desires.
- 2) Confess all covetousness and greed.
- 3) Cherish Christ’s generosity toward you.
- 4) Consider ways to use your God-given provisions for his kingdom purposes.