

The Life Of Jesus

**FROM THE
BOOK OF LUKE**

Luke 12:13-34

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he 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. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." '

²⁰ 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?'

²¹ This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

²² 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.

²³ Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!

²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 12:13-34

"Watch Out! Be On Your Guard Against
All Kinds Of Greed ..."

1

Beware of Money
Blindness

"You Have Plenty Of Good Things Laid Up
For Many Years. Take Life Easy;
Eat, Drink And Be Merry." '

2

What is Greed?

"Therefore I Tell You, Do Not Worry About Your Life, What You Will Eat; Or About Your Body, What You Will Wear."

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What is Greed?

"And Do Not Set Your Heart On What You Will
Eat Or Drink; Do Not Worry About It."

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What is Greed?

2 Kinds of Greed:

“Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!”

1. Security



2 Kinds of Greed:

“Consider the lilies: They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.”

. **Beauty**

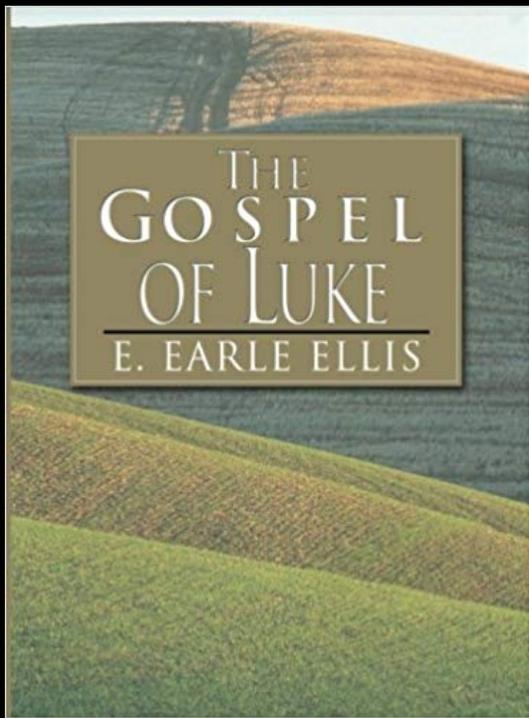


2 Kinds of Greed:

"I will say to myself." "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

1. Security





He thought he was in control,
but he didn't have control.
He says he thought he was an owner,
but he found he was owned.

It's not just that the money really wasn't his,
but that it was really his on loan,
but even his body, his life, wasn't his.
He was a tenant.

2 Kinds of Greed:

1. Security- The sign of money as your *security* **saving sickness.**

2. Beauty- The sign of money as your *beauty* **spending sickness.**



2 Practical Signs Money is too Important:

You chase it.



“For the pagan world runs after all such things ...”

2 Practical Signs Money is too Important:

You store it.



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?' ²¹ This is how it will be with anyone who **stores up** things for himself but is not rich toward God." Luke 12:20,21

"Sell your possessions and
give to the poor ..."

Luke 12:33



1. If you worry a lot about money
2. If you resent people who have it
3. If you're looking to money to be your security
4. If you're looking to money to be your beauty
5. If you're run off your feet trying to get it
6. If you can't give it away so radically



You're looking to money to give you things only God can give you.

Do Not Be Afraid, Little Flock, For Your Father Has
Been Pleased To Give You The Kingdom.

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How are we
going to acquire a
generous spirit?

"Anyone Who Stores Things Up Rather Than Giving Them Away Does It Because They're Not Rich Toward God."

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How are we going to acquire a generous spirit?

"You are a chosen race, a
royal priesthood, a holy
nation, God's own people,"

1 Peter 2:9

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. ...⁹ You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:7,9

"Sell your possessions and
give to the poor. This will store
up treasure for you in heaven!

Luke 12:33





We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

Hebrews 12:2

Every treasure except Jesus will demand that you die to purchase it, but Jesus Christ is the only treasure that has died to purchase you.

Pastor Tim Keller



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Luke 12:31

