

Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

"How to be Truly Rich"

Part 2

Last week review:

1. Don't get sidetracked from that which is truly important (v. 13-15).
2. Build your life on that which lasts forever instead of that which is gone in a moment (v. 15).
3. Focus on building God's Kingdom instead of your own (v. 16-21).
4. Live each day like today was your last day (v. 20).
5. Treasure God more than your treasure yourself (v. 21).

Luke 12:22-34 (NKJV); Do Not Worry

²² Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. ²³ Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ²⁶ If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

²⁹ "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. ³⁰ For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. ³¹ But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

³² "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags

which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

How to be truly rich...

The 10 Commandments of Growing Truly Rich Part 2

6. Turn w_____ into w_____ (v. 22-28).

- Jesus gives us a command: Don't worry about your life.
 - 1) Don't worry about what you will eat (v. 26).
 - 2) Don't worry about what you will wear (v. 26).
- Life is often more than what you are presently experiencing (v. 23).
- Jesus gives us four colorful illustrations (v. 24-28):
 - Consider the _____ (v. 24)—
 - Consider your _____ (v. 25)—
 - Consider the _____ (v. 27)—
 - Consider the _____ (v. 28)—
- O you of little faith (v. 28)—

Challenge: Turn worry inside out. Starting today, thank God for five things before you ask God to help you in something that you are concerned about!

7. Live for something b_____ than yourself—The
K_____ of God (v. 29-31).

- Normal people are concerned about the needs of daily life.

Scripture Insight: Do not have an "anxious" mind. The word "anxious" here "originally means 'to be elevated, to be raised as a meteor,' and comes by degrees to mean to be raised in one special way—namely, *as a boat is tossed by a tough sea*. So, there is a picture in this prohibition which the fishermen and folk dwelling by the Sea of Galilee with its sudden squalls would understand: 'Be not pitched about'; now on the crest, now in the trough of the wave."¹

- God's children should not be driven by just daily desires, but by Kingdom dreams.
- Seek the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added to you.

→If you will take care of His business, He will take care of your business!

8. When you can't trace God's h_____, trust His h_____ (v. 32).

- Do not fear.

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT); Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

- The why behind the what. Why should we not fear?

3 reasons Jesus gives us here:

- i. God is our S_____. -Do not fear, little *flock*.
- ii. God is our F_____. -Your *Father*
- iii. Your Father delights in being g_____ to you. -
Father's *good pleasure to give you the Kingdom*.

9. Practice gracious g_____ because you know that you can never out g_____ God (v. 33).

- A radically generous God has radically generous children. How can we become radically generous like our Father?
- Have a good investment plan—one that lasts forever (v. 33)!

¹ Quote from Alexander MacLaren's Expositions.

10. Understand the t_____ principle: Your h_____ will follow your i_____ (v. 34).(Temporary Investment→Eternal Investment)

- Did you know that one can tell you where your passions lay? 2 clues
 - i. Where you spend your m_____.
 - ii. Where you spend your t_____.
- If you want your heart to be more into something, you need to invest yourself in these things—your time, your talent, and your money.

Christ Connection: Just as Jesus freely gives Himself to us, we should freely give ourselves to others.

Today's Big Takeaway: When we discover that Jesus and His Kingdom are our greatest Treasures, we are truly rich!!!

Action Steps:

1. **Sign up for a Life Group.** Are you connected to the Body of Christ as you seek first the Kingdom of God?
2. **Sign up for a Serve Team.** Are you serving the Body of Christ as you seek first the Kingdom of God?
3. **Ask the right questions** concerning my stewardship of all that God has entrusted to me.