

Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, April 26, 2020 Luke 12:13-34 – Possessions

We Learn:

Jesus said, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." He went on to tell a parable of a rich man, who in focusing solely on his possessions and his pleasures, was one of those who, "stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." The moral of the story from Jesus was that we are to acquire the right kind of riches. We are to invest in the right kind of treasures, eternal treasures, treasures in heaven, treasures that are characteristic of the kingdom of God. Why? Because, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- What is the difference between being a steward vs. being the owner?
- Why is it important for us to understand our role as stewards of God, the owner of everything?
 How does this understanding affect our understanding of material and non-material possessions?
- Why do we not have to worry about what we will eat, drink, or wear, or for anything we may need?
- How does the Father give us the kingdom?

We Respond:

- How can we serve as faithful stewards of what belongs to God?
- Based on 1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19, how can we lay up treasures in heaven?
- What does seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness look like?

We Apply:

- Is there anything in your life that you have become possessive about? Are you behaving as if you are the owner, and not the steward, of that possession?
- What can you do to maintain a healthy heart-treasure connection?