

Space for God Measuring Life

PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit...

Though the Lord is very great and lives in heaven,
he will make Jerusalem his home of justice and righteousness.

**In that day he will be your sure foundation,
providing a rich store of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.
The fear of the Lord will be your treasure.** Isaiah 33:5-6

CONFESSION

**Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and
rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.** Matthew 6:19

WORSHIP

Only those whose hands and hearts are pure,
who do not worship idols and never tell lies.
They will receive the Lord's blessing
and have a right relationship with God their savior.

**Such people may seek you
and worship in your presence, O God of Jacob.** Psalm 24:4-6

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION — Luke 12.13-21*

Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me."

Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?"

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"'

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'

"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

ANCHORING PRAYER

"Lord, You are all that I need."

REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

What is the state of my spiritual health at the moment?

How does materialism affect my relationship with God?

WISDOM

Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!
Proverbs 21:26

Greed causes fighting; trusting the Lord leads to prosperity. Proverbs 28:25

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. [Amen]

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.