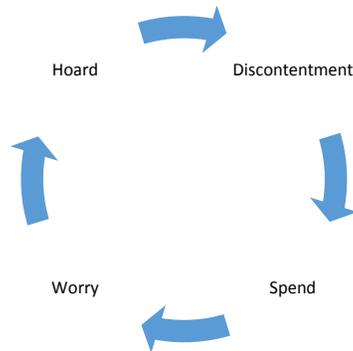


5 Secret Ingredients: Luke 12:13-21

Secret #4: Be Simple

I want you to know that it is possible to experience freedom when it comes to money. But let's start by talking about the cycle that so many of us in our culture find ourselves in. It looks like this:



The myth: When I get _____, I will be _____.

Notice the rich man's...

Position:

Perspective: *My* _____ is for *my* _____ to secure *my* _____.

Prize: Quality of life exists in the _____ of _____.

This formula, according to Jesus is **foolish**: silly, unwise, imprudent, thoughtless, irrational, rash, crazy, stupid.

Big Idea: The key to abundance is _____ not _____.

Application: Fight the _____ to treat _____ like _____.

Life Group Study Guide

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Read Luke 12:13-21. What questions do you have? What do you think the main point of this parable is, in your own words?

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Are there aspects of your financial life in which you find yourself feeling discontent or worried about? Why do you think these things make you feel the way you do? What do you think are some of the factors that contribute to our culture's anxiety and discontentment when it comes to material things?

Read the parable in Luke 12:13-21. What is the context of the parable? Why is Jesus telling this particular story? What does Jesus warn people to watch out for? Why is this an important warning? Do you think it is an important warning for our society? For you/your family? Why or why not?

What do we learn about the rich man in this parable? List as many things about him, his situation, his plan and the outcome as you can. Can you think of ways in which we see people today living in a similar way to this man?

Why does God say that this man is a fool? What has he missed in his planning? What can we learn from this parable about how we should think about and treat our finances and material things? What is one way you can combat the cycle of discontentment/overspending/worry/hoarding in your life? One way we can this is by starving the materialistic appetites in our lives. Is there something you could give in order to kill an unhealthy appetite in your life?