


Beware of all Forms of Greed


Luke 12:13-21

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Overview: Warnings for Disciples

- **Luke 12:1** Beware of Hypocrisy
- **Luke 12:4, 5** Warning: fear God not Man
- **Luke 12:8-10** Warning: Confess Christ
- **Luke 12:15** Beware of Greed



Comfort for Disciples


- **Luke 12:6, 7** Comfort that God cares for us
- **Luke 12:11,12** Comfort that the Holy Spirit will enable us to confess Christ when persecuted
- **Luke 12:32** Comfort that the Father has chosen to give us the Kingdom



A demand for justice concerning land division

■ **Luke 12:13**


And someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."



Jesus did not come to arbitrate issues of case law

■ **Luke 12:14**

But He said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbiter over you?"



Greed is a serious danger to disciples

■ **Luke 12:15**

And He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."



A rich landowner has a bumper crop

■ **Luke 12:16, 17**

And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man was very productive." And he began reasoning to himself, saying, "What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?"



He consults no one but himself

■ **Luke 12:18, 19**

And he said, "This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'"



The problem with greed

■ **Ecclesiastes 5:10**

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity.



All we have is on loan from God

■ **Luke 12:20**

But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?"



Play on Words in the Greek

■ **Luke 12:16** Productive = *euphoreo_*

■ **Luke 12:19** Merry = *euphraino_*
(noun form *euphro_n*)

■ **Luke 12:20** Fool = *aphro_n*



"Fool" = *aphro_n* "not employing one's understanding" Louw and Nida

■ **Psalms 49:10, 11** (NKJV)

For he sees wise men die; Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, And leave their wealth to others. Their inner thought is that their houses will last forever, Their dwelling places to all generations; They call their lands after their own name.



The answer to the man who wanted
a ruling about an inheritance

■ **Luke 12:21**

So is the man who lays up treasure for
himself, and is not rich toward God.



Applications and Implications

- 1) Possessions do not equal "quality of life"
- 2) Greed comes in many forms and is a
danger to the church
- 3) We must avoid being motivated by a love
of money



- 1) Possessions do not equal "quality of life"

■ **Luke 8:14**

The seed which fell among the thorns,
these are the ones who have heard, and
as they go on their way they are choked
with worries and riches and pleasures of
this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.



1) Possessions do not equal "quality of life"

■ **John:5:24**

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.



1) Possessions do not equal "quality of life"

■ **Acts:2:27, 28**

Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, Nor allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. "You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence."



1) Possessions do not equal "quality of life"

■ **1John:5:12**

He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.



2) Greed comes in many forms and is a danger to the church

■ **1Thessalonians 2:5, 6**

For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed-- God is witness -- nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.



2) Greed comes in many forms and is a danger to the church

■ **2 Peter 2:1**

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.



2) Greed comes in many forms and is a danger to the church

■ **2 Peter 2:2, 3**

And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.



3) We must avoid being motivated by a love of money

■ **1Timothy 6:6, 7**

But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.



3) We must avoid being motivated by a love of money

■ **1Timothy 6:8, 9**

And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.



3) We must avoid being motivated by a love of money

■ **1Timothy 6:10**

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.
