



Today's Message

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Title: ***Put Your Money Where Your Heart Is***

Text: Luke 12:22–34 (ESV)

²² And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, 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 are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Introduction: In last week’s text (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus used the parable of a rich fool to show that a greedy life is incompatible with eternal life. “Do not be selfish, but be rich toward God” was his counsel. Today’s text explains what it means to be rich toward God.

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- A. Command: Do not worry—not even about your “daily bread.” 22
- B. Explanation: Leave those things to God as you focus on more important things. 23
- C. Lessons illustrated: You do not need to worry because God cares for his children. 24-28
 - 1. Illustration 1: God cares for us, though we are unworthy. 24
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 - 3. Illustration 3: God cares for us, though we are insignificant. 27-28

II. because the way you value stuff reveals your spiritual condition. 29-32

- A. Pagans live for stuff. 29-30
- B. But God’s children live for his kingdom. 31-32

III. Instead, invest your life in the kingdom to come. 33-34

- A. Command: Use your possessions for God’s purposes. 33a
- B. Rationale: Generosity is an investment that yields dividends now and forever. 33b-34
 - 1. Generosity yields eternal benefits. 33b
 - 2. Generosity yields benefits today. 34

Today’s take-home truth: Do not worry about stuff because the way you value stuff reveals your spiritual condition. Instead, invest your life in the kingdom to come.