

**Jesus Warns Against Covetousness: The Peril of Pursuing Possessions**

(Luke 12:13-21)

<p>13 Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, <b>tell</b> my brother to divide the inheritance with me."</p>	<p><b>1. A Man _____ Jesus to Solve His Inheritance Problem</b></p>
<p>14 But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"</p>	<p><b>2. Jesus Responds with a _____</b></p>
<p>15 And He said to them, "<b>Take heed</b> and <b>beware</b> of covetousness,</p>	<p><b>3. Jesus _____ Everyone About Covetousness</b></p> <p>a. Be _____</p> <p>b. Be _____</p> <p>c. From all _____</p>
<p>for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."</p>	<p><b>4. Jesus _____ His Warning</b></p> <p>a. <b>Life is not _____ by things</b></p>
<p>16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, <i>and</i> be merry." 20 "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'</p>	<p><b>5. Jesus Shares a _____ About the Vanity of Pursuing Riches</b></p> <p>a. <b>The Rich Man's _____ Land</b></p> <p>b. <b>The Rich Man's _____</b></p> <p>c. <b>The Rich Man's _____</b></p> <p>d. <b>The Rich Man's _____</b></p> <p>e. <b>God _____ This Man's Plans</b></p> <p>f. <b>God _____ the Rich Man a Question</b></p>
<p>21 "So <i>is</i> he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."</p>	<p><b>6. Jesus _____ His Parable</b></p> <p>a. <b>Temporary riches for _____</b></p> <p>b. <b>Eternal riches for _____</b></p>

**Takeaway Lessons**

1. *The desire for and the draw of money and things is \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *Life is \_\_\_\_\_.*
3. *Riches are \_\_\_\_\_.*
4. *God wants us to pursue that which is \_\_\_\_\_.*
5. *Our focus should be on what promotes God's \_\_\_\_\_, not riches.*
6. *What we \_\_\_\_\_ have is more valuable than anything you can gain in this life.*

**Ephesians 1:15-18** Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

**Colossians 3:23-24** And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

**1 Peter 1:3-5** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.