

RICH TOWARD GOD

September 12, 21 | Luke 12:13-21 | Pastor Michael Foster

- Jesus did not come to make us right but righteous
- Guard your heart from greed
 - Beware the many kinds of greed
 - Overspending – confuses needs with wants (Proverbs 15:16, 23:4-5, 25:16, 27:20)
 - Hoarding – saves more than needed (Proverbs 11:28, Matthew 6:19-21, Philippians 4:19, 1 Timothy 6:17)
 - Tight-fistedness – unwillingness to share with others (Ephesians 4:28, Proverbs 3:27-28, 11:25, 28:27, 1 Timothy 6:18)
 - Comparison – spends to keep up with others (Proverbs 22:1, 22:4, Proverbs 23:4-5,
 - Entitlement – a sense that someone else owes you something (1 Timothy 6:6-8, Proverbs 22:2, Philippians 4:11-13)
 - Stealing – takes what is not rightfully yours (Proverbs 10:2, 13:11, Ephesians 4:28)
 - Beware the foolish thinking of greed
 - Foolish definition of life
 - Foolish goal in life
 - Foolish focus on self
 - Foolish view of wealth
 - Foolish presumption about future
- Be rich toward God

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Meditate on all of Luke 12 along with 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19
- Read “Five things to let go of so you can embrace contentment and simplicity” by Randy Alcorn
<https://www.epm.org/blog/2018/Aug/29/five-things-let-go>
- Read “Let’s be Rich Toward God” -
<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/lets-be-rich-toward-god>
- Watch “Idol- Greed” by Tony Evans -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P32E-aKj2zw> Listen to “Knowing You” – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4r8XfE_VNb0
- Listen to “Don’t Waste your Life” –
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RWEllqh5J0>
- Read The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In your own words, explain how Jesus did not come to make us right but to make us righteous. Why is it important to remember this?
3. Of the kinds of greed we discussed, which has been the greatest temptation for you?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What are some specific ways we can nurture a godly contentment in our hearts?
5. Have you ever realized you were aiming for the wrong goal in life? How did God show you this? What did you do about it? (Consider Philippians 3:7-14)
6. Read James 4:13-17. How does the Lord encourage us in these verses about the future? How should these truths affect the way we live in the present?
7. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Who is someone you know who has been a great example of generosity? What have you appreciated about this person?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. How does Jesus model generosity for us?
9. What is one specific way you can, by faith, be more rich toward God in this season?
10. What are some specific ways we can teach our children and grandchildren to protect against greed and to be rich toward God?