

New Life Lessons – August 23rd & 24th, 2008

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Life Styles of the Rich and Foolish

(The secret teachings of Jesus... Treasures hidden in His parables)

Luke 12:13-34; Ecclesiastes 6:1-9

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Three lessons on Greed.

1. **Lesson #1:** Greed is easy to _____ in others and _____ in ourselves:

2. **Lesson #2:** At its basic level greed is an appetite for _____.

*First principle that Jesus is teaching in the Parable: An _____ for material possessions literally _____ of life itself.

Five very specific effects on us when I don't control this drive to acquire, this greed.

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"Do not wear yourself out to be rich, have the wisdom to show restraint." (Proverbs 23:4)

- _____

"Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income." Ecclesiastes 5:10

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"A working man can get a good night's sleep. But the rich man has so much that he stays awake worrying." Ecclesiastes 5:12

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"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from the desires that battle within you?" James 4:1

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"You will never be satisfied if you long to be rich. You will never get all you want." Ecclesiastes 5:10

Here are two more reasons for our Dissatisfaction:

- You can have your _____ and still miss the _____!
- With material appetites...the _____ the experience.

A person that has a _____ will not be **satisfied** by the _____, you'll always want more!

3. **Lesson #3:** Greed comes in all different _____ and _____.

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In Luke 12:16-21 Jesus tells us the **second principle: that a life long pursuit of material possessions, not only _____, but it also _____.*

There are basically **3 things** that we can do to be *rich toward God*. (Luke 12:16-21)

1. We need to develop a _____.

"Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about you life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes" Luke 12:22,23

2. We need to feed the _____.

"And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well." Luke 12:29-31

3. You need to give to the _____.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom; Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also." Luke 12:32-34

The principle is: Whatever you are investing your _____ and _____ in...that is going to be where your deeper appetite is fed.