

Message Notes

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The Life of Christ:
The Parable of the Rich Fool: Grasp or Give
Luke 12:13-21
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Two Kingdoms – Two Issues

◆ The Kingdom of this _____ vs The Kingdom of _____ (Luke 4:43, Luke 6,)

◆ Jesus refuses to address the _____ and instead addresses the _____. (Lk 4:22-28, 5:22, 5:30, 6:9, 6:46, 7:39-49)

Then He said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” **Luke 12:15**

Be On Your Guard: (Luke 12:1, Mark 13:33, Mt 6:1, 7:15, 16:6 Rom. 16:17, 1Tim. 6:6-11, Heb. 13:5)

Covetousness (Ex. 20:17, Ezek. 33:31, Mic. 2:1-2, Mt. 6:19, Mt. 18:1, Mk 9:34-35, Ps 119:36) :

Lie:

The Parable of the Rich Fool

GRASP

GIVE

This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God. **Luke 12:21**

◆ Am I grasping _____ or giving out of _____?

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WEALTH

If you have net assets of:

\$68,000 or more you are in the top 10% of the world's wealthiest citizens
\$10,000 or more you are in the top 30% of the world's wealthiest citizens
\$3,210 or more you are in the top 50% of the world's wealthiest citizens¹

Almost half the world - Over three billion people – live on less than \$2.50/day²

At least 80% of humanity lives on less than \$10/day.³

1 billion of the world's 2.2 billion children live in poverty⁴

If you have running water, shelter overhead, clothes to wear, food to eat and some means of transportation (public counts) you are in the top 15% of the world's wealthiest citizens.⁵

POSSESSIONS

- The average American throws away more than 7 pounds of garbage a day. That's 102 tons in a lifetime, more than any other population on Earth.
- Most communities spend more to deal with trash than they spend for schoolbooks, fire protection, libraries, and parks.
- Americans throw away 28 billion pounds of food a year, which is about 25 percent of the US food supply.
- In the US, Americans toss 60 million water bottles daily, which is nearly 700 each minute.
- Americans throw away 5.7 million tons of carpet every year.
- Americans waste 4.5 million tons of office paper a year.
- The energy used to create and distribute junk mail in the US for one day could heat 250,000 homes. You can opt-out of junk mail by going to CatalogChoice.org.
- 4 percent of the world's children live in the US, but Americans buy (and throw away) 40 percent of the world's toys. Buy less toys, opt for second-hand versions, and pass down the toys you do purchase to others.⁶

¹ “Half of the world's wealth now in the hand of 1% of population.” <https://www.theguardian.com/money/2015/oct/13/half-world-wealth-in-hands-population-inequality-report> (accessed Nov. 2, 2016)

² “11 facts about global poverty.” <https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-global-poverty> (accessed Nov. 2, 2016)

³ “Poverty Facts and Stats.” <http://www.globalissues.org/article/26/poverty-facts-and-stats> (accessed Nov. 2, 2016)

⁴ “11 facts about Global Poverty.”

⁵ David Platt, *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream* (Colorado Springs: Multnomah books, 2010), 114.

⁶ “10 shocking facts about your garbage.” <http://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/smart-living/10-shocking-facts-about-your-garbage/ar-AAbtBZd#page=1> (accessed Nov 2, 2016)