

Session Four – Stewardship results in eternal Joy

Luke 12:13-34

- I. We ALL worry – What are some things we worry about?
- a. Luke 12:13-21- What did Jesus tell this rich man about life?
 - b. Luke 12:22-34 – What did Jesus tell these poor men about life?

The presence or the absence of money can cause worry.

- c. Examples and Tests
- i. Wills and Estates
 - ii. Obsession with bank accounts or investments
 - iii. Natural drift is to worry or just meditate about money
 - iv. Never consider how you can sacrifice in order to give more
 - v. Does making money make you feel like a “MAN”?
 - vi. Does having money or no debt make you feel “secure”?
 - vii. Do you find yourself sometimes saying “I work hard for my money”
 - viii. Look at others and say “It must be nice to be able to drive that car, live in that house or go on that vacation”
 - ix. Are you often thinking about how to get that car, house or vacation?
 - x. Do you plan your spending around how much can I afford per month?
 - xi. Are you obsessed with taking care of or accumulating stuff under the name of “good stewardship”?

You can’t stop here and say “Your Right”, I have to stop worrying about money!

- II. Why we worry about Money

Verse 30 - We forget that we have a Heavenly _____.

- a. He will give us the _____ that we try to get from money. verse 24
- b. He will give us the _____ that we try to get from money. verse 28

- III. How to break the power of worry about Money

- a. We are NOT _____.
 - i. We can’t be _____ . verse 25
 - ii. We can’t be _____ . verse 30
- b. But we are _____ . **Doctrine of Adoption**

- i. _____ for a divine Father. Eph 3:15, Psalm 27:10
- ii. _____ of a divine Father. verse 32, Romans 8
- iii. _____ of a divine Father. verse 32

We get this adoption through the gospel. Look at the prayers of Jesus. When He was on the cross he didn't say Father (like he had in every prayer up to that point), he said God because at this point he lost the relationship with the Father so that we could get it.

c. We are _____.

- i. Invest yourself into others. verse 33
Why - _____
- ii. Invest your money into _____ . verse 33
- iii. Look at the practice of verse 33 - _____
- iv. Remember – God is Sovereign and loves us completely.
- v. Choose – Live in the Gospel or be hostage by your circumstances
- vi. Exercise – Pain of discipline or pain of regret.
- vii. How can I show the Gospel through my use of money?

Starter Questions

Is retirement a Biblical concept and as a Christian should I save for retirement or just trust God to provide?

Should I spend a lot of money and go into debt to go to college?

What are some key Biblical Stewardship Principles that should guide us as Christians?

- God owns it all – we are just his trustees. Dt. 8:17-18, Rom. 11:36
- My heart always goes where I put God's money. Matthew 6:19-21
- It is fine to have money – but not to live for money. I Tim. 6:17
- God is generous. Mt. 7:11, Luke 6:38, 2 Cor. 8-9

- Heaven is our home. Mt. 6:19-20, Heb. 11:25-26
- As we prosper our standard of giving should increase. Lk 3:11, 2 Cor 8:7, Rom. 12:13
- Prayers to offer- Balanced, Generous, Spirit Led, Leaders