



Text: Luke 12:1-34 - The Parable of the Rich Fool

Introduction: Christ was teaching as the multitude was gathered, but one man was concerned with his earthly inheritance. Jesus Christ then gave a parable with an important lesson - where your treasure is makes all the difference.

Treasure - wealth accumulated; particularly, a stock or store of money in reserve; something very much valued.

I. Verses 1-15, _____ - Covetousness

In verses 1-12, Christ is teaching on spiritual things, God's provision, and things to come, but this man is concerned with one thing - would Jesus get him his stuff. People covet: Other people, position, power, and possessions. Covetousness affects your faith, and it will destroy you. Exodus 20:17; Isaiah 57:15-18; I Timothy 6:1-12.

II. Verses 16-20, _____ - More, more, more

- This man had plenty, but wanted more.
- He trusted in his goods for his future.
- He used what he had to serve himself and bring him comfort.
- God held him accountable for his soul.
- **This man lost everything that he had worked and lived for in an instant.**

Revelation 3:14-22; I John 2:15-17

III. Verses 21,34, _____ - Consider your treasure.

You are living for something, for someone. Your life reflects it by where you go, what you do, and how you spend your stuff and your self. Matthew 6:24. God will hold you accountable for your life: For the lost, why you rejected Jesus Christ as your Saviour; For the saved, what you did after you were saved with what God gave you. This is where the Judgement Seat of Christ comes in.

The Judgement Seat of Christ is for the believer - not to determine your salvation and eternity, but for rewards. It is based on what you do for Christ in this body, and how you built upon your foundation - Jesus Christ.

No one loses their salvation at the Judgement Seat of Christ, but there is a gain or loss of reward. ***The Judgement Seat of Christ reveals your treasure. Many Christians, like the rich fool, will see everything they have lived for disappear in an instant. But you don't have to, you can lay up heavenly treasures for God!*** II Corinthians 5:8-11; I Corinthians 3:1-15

- IV. Verses 22-30, _____ - God promised that He will take care of you, He wants you to live for Him!
- God wants us to live for Him and to trust Him.
 - God already knows what we need, He wants us to seek Him first.
 - The cure for covetousness is contentment! And contentment starts with trusting God and being thankful to Him.
- Luke 12:28-29; Hebrews 13:5-6

- V. Verses 31-34, _____ - You choose what you live for and where you put your treasure!

God wants you to seek Him first! Amen.

- Moses made a choice between the riches of God or the riches of Egypt. He knew that God's reward was greater than all of "the treasures in Egypt"! Hebrews 11:23-29
- Paul made a choice between the power and riches of God or the position and power of religion and this world. Philippians 3:3-14
- In a modern day example, Billy Sunday made a choice between money and fame or the riches of following Jesus Christ.
- **They knew there was something better to choose!**

Conclusion: What God wants is **your heart!** Your heart is where your treasure is, your heart follows your treasure.

- Where is your treasure right now?
- Where is your heart right now?
- If it's not where it should be, why not change it right now?
- Live for Jesus Christ and have something to give Him for all that He's done for you, for He is our life!!!

This man in the parable was a fool, not because he had money, but because he was "not rich toward God." The question is not how much you have, but are you rich toward God? What are you living for right now? If you were requested to give an account to God right now, what would you have for Him? Luke 12:21,34; Colossians 3:1-6