

# Guarding Against Greed

***Jesus said, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).***

## Sermon Questions

1. How you use \_\_\_\_\_ reveals much about your values and character.
2. The man who speaks to Jesus, rather than learn from him, seeks to instruct him. (Yes/No)
3. Christianity is not a religion of external constraints, but \_\_\_\_\_ conviction.
4. Divisions in families over money may reveal a priority of possessions over people. (Yes/No)
5. Complete the following details revealed in Jesus' parable:
  - i. The \_\_\_\_\_ produced plentifully.
  - ii. The man was already \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. His dilemma: What shall I do with my abundance.
  - iv. His decision: A focus on "me" and "my."
  - v. The good life: Relax, \_\_\_\_\_, drink, and be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus calls this man a fool because he squanders his wealth on himself. Wisdom with money will remember these two lessons:
  - i. Wisdom accounts for the reality of \_\_\_\_\_ and the importance of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. Wisdom understands that all our abundance will go to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Rich toward God means that you value your \_\_\_\_\_ with God more than your wealth.
8. List the three lessons we must learn from Jesus in this text:
  - i. Greed is a \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
  - ii. Greed is servitude to a tyrannical \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. Christ will set you \_\_\_\_\_ from greed and idolatry.

## Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. What do your investments, spending, and possessions tell you about your commitment to God compared to the commitment to yourself? What future are you preparing for?
2. Greed and covetousness exercise power over those enslaved to love of money. How does a love for Christ free us from these sins that cause misery and despair so that we might have joy?
3. What steps can you take this week to be more content with what you have and turn from greed and be on guard against covetousness? Tell someone else so that you can be held accountable.
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

## Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? \_\_\_\_\_

What did you learn about God today? \_\_\_\_\_

What words did you not know today? \_\_\_\_\_

