



Part 2
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Key Word: Responsibility
Key Scripture: Luke 12: 13-21, 19: 11-27

“You Can’t Take it With You!”

Bottom Line: Whatever I accumulate in this life will stay here when I die. How I take care of my stuff will follow with me into eternity.

Getting Started

Option 1: Who has a collection? What do you collect? (As an adult or kid)

Option 2: If you were handed a \$1000 with no strings attached, what would you do with it?

God’s Insight

Let’s look more closely at the key scripture passages.

Luke 12:13-21

- Jesus is responding to the man’s petition by telling a parable. What was the problem? What was the solution? Why was he a fool?
- How would you state the punch line in your own words?
- What is the slippery slope or trap that Jesus warns about in verse 15?

Luke 19:11-27

- What misconception prompted Jesus to share this parable?
- Parables have a primary point. How would you re-state the key principle or truth of this parable?
- How does the primary point of this parable address the initial misconception?

Taking It Home

- When was a time you discovered greed had taken root unaware? How do we weed the garden of our hearts?
- Advertising is designed to entice us to want more. What lifestyle differences are there in the one who applies Jesus’ teaching versus the message propagated by advertisers?
- What talents, resources, spiritual gifts, or abilities has God left with you? How do you feel about how you have put them to work?
- What is one big take-away from the sermon or this lesson? What is God saying to you? What does he want you to do? How? When?

Use these scriptures and resources for deeper study

- Genesis 2:15; Exodus 34:21; 2 Thessalonians 3:10

What is the overarching theme of these passages? Where do you see these expectations clashing with current culture? Avoiding extremes, where is the sweet spot of obedience for living out these verses?

- Luke 14:33

Is this passage literal or figurative? Why? How would you explain this text to someone considering the claims of Christ or if they are a new Christian? What area of your life does this verse speak to? What does the Spirit seem to be saying you need to do?

- Philippians 4:11-13; 1 Timothy 6:8; Matthew 6:33

What attitudes and behaviors do these passages exhort believers to walk in? Consider Paul's circumstances at the time of these writings. How do you think he uncovered the keys to contentment? What were they? In Jesus' instruction, what does seeking his kingdom and righteousness mean? Why is this priority over others? How do we do it?

- 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 6:20

What responsibility does Paul say comes with wealth? Though he does not say wealth is evil there are, however, spiritual pitfalls associated with it. What are they? How might one avoid them?

- Colossians 3:23-24

How is this mindset possible? (see v.1-4) What circumstances can make verses 23-24 particularly challenging to live out? When we are living this verse well, what does it look like? What are others seeing? What is going on in our mind? What is the disposition of our heart?

- Matthew 25:14-30

What is the primary truth being taught in this parable? What was the basis of reward among the servants? How does the action of the master come across to you? Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to share this particular parable? If you were standing before the master in the story, what would he say about how well you have managed what he has given you?

- What's your opinion?

Contrast

Society says: Work as little as possible because labor is distasteful; or work as much as possible because your job is all-important.

Scripture says: Work as unto the Lord with excellence as your standard. Work hard, but do not overwork.

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