**The worldly fool – Luke 12:15**

**Focal Truth: Unsatisfied desires are the life of a fool!**

What do you desire today? Do you gain assurance from the things you have or from God?

**Observations**

1. **The worldly fool is controlled by unsatisfied desires for earthly things not eternal things 12:13 -14**

*Someone in the crowd said to Him, Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me. But he said to him, Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?*

1. A brother requested Jesus to divide the inheritance with his brother

**Many want Jesus to solve their problems but not change their hearts!** – Wiersbe

1. The brother feels that his brother is not sharing the inheritance
2. The man is focused on an earthly inheritance not the eternal words of Jesus
3. Jesus senses that the brother is full of greed for the inheritance
4. **Jesus warns that all kinds of unsatisfied desires never satisfy 12:15**

*Beware and be on your guard against every form of greed, for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions*

**Greed = unsatisfied desire for more**

“Greed is a nearly invisible sin, a tiny parasite that makes its home in the intestines of wealth” Peterson

1. Eve desired the forbidden fruit
2. Lot’s wife desired the city of Sodom
3. Achain desired the bar of gold
4. David desired another man’s wife
5. The last law of the 10 words – **You shall not covet**
6. *Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, nor are the eyes of man ever satisfied* – Pr. 27:20
7. *The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite, but the stomach of the wicked is in need* Pr. 13:25
8. **The worldly fool accumulates earthly treasures rather than heavenly treasure 12:16 – 21**

*And he told them a parable saying, the land of a rich man was very productive…*

1. The everyday story of the farmer – **listen to His words**

He did not see God’s blessing on his abundant crops

He did not share his additional crops – He kept them for himself

His additional crops were the source of life assurance

He trusted in His abundance never considering he would lose it at death

He was foolish because he lived with confidence in his abundance not in God

1. Jesus lesson from the everyday story:

**So is the man who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God – 12:21**

*A person is a fool to store up earthly wealth, but not have a rich relationship with God NLT*

 **The greatest treasure is a rich relationship with God!**

 **What are you storing up today in your life? Earthly treasures or heavenly treasures?**

Do you have a rich relationship with God?

 Are you living in the abundance of possessions without any relationship with God?

 Do you think that your abundance is a replacement for a relationship with God?

1. **The disciple of Jesus lives in rich relationship with God not unsatisfied desires 12:22 – 34**

*And He said to His disciples, for this reason I say to you do not worry about your life…*

The Lord Jesus teaches the disciples the value of a rich relationship with God vs. a life of greed

1. A relationship with God teaches that life is not measured by what you own 12:15
2. A rich relationship with God removes worry about everyday life 12:22 - 29
3. A rich relationship with God seeks His Lordship & His care for everyday life 12:29 -32
4. A rich relationship with God takes away the desire for earthly possessions 12:33
5. A rich relationship with God produces a desire to give away earthly possessions 12:33
6. A rich relationship with God by giving to others accumulates treasures in heaven 12:33

Give it away – You have eternal riches in heaven

Give it away – You have eternal reward from the Lord Jesus

1. A rich relationship with God reveals the desire of our heart on the earth12:34

**Things to remember & do**

1. Watch your desires

What do desire earthly or heavenly things?

1. Be careful that earthly possessions don’t dull your God neediness!
2. Don’t trust your possessions you only have them for a little while
3. Live in a trusting relationship to Jesus Christ – Look at the birds! Look at the flowers!
4. You know your desires by what you desire! – Lk. 12:34

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**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**