

Sermon Discussion Questions

Being Rich Toward God

Luke 12:13-21

May 28, 2017

1. How was your Memorial Day Weekend? Any fun stuff to share?
2. What is your reaction to this Tweet from Tim Keller—famous pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, NY, “Jesus warns people far more often about greed than about sex, yet almost no one thinks they are guilty of it.” (Tim Keller, Tweet 2/27/17)
 - Why do you think people don’t think they are greedy?
 - How was that man greedy when he butted in and asked Jesus to talk to his brother (Luke 12:13)
3. In Luke 12:15 Jesus seems to really place an emphasis on protecting ourselves from greed. He says it comes in many different forms. Can we brainstorm together and see if we can name those different forms of greed?
 - Since greed is so prevalent in humanity according to Jesus, have we been guilty of any of those we listed? What ought to be the right response when we know we are guilty of the sin of greed?
 - Jesus gave two ways we are to combat the sin of greed — can you see them there in this verse (Luke 12:15)? How can we help each other be on our guard?
4. Jeremy gave a Biblical definition of “greed” on your outline. Before you heard that definition, how would you have defined “greed”? How are they alike or different?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.
 - Doesn’t v.6 seem to indicate we can live godly lives and not be content? How can that be?
 - How does v.9 seem to play out in life?
 - Give some examples of how does v.10 happens in real life.
 - How would you define “rich”?
 - How do these verses square with Psalm 128:2 and Ecclesiastes 5:18-20?
 - Wealth is not wrong according to the Bible. When does it become wrong?
6. Luke 12:20 was sobering to the rich man. Is it sobering to you? Why or why not?
 - One commentary made the point that Luke 12:20 indicates that our very lives are on loan from God. How might that view of our lives change how we live?
7. Read Luke 12:21 slowly so that it is very clear. Was Jesus saying we should not store up treasures for ourselves? Or, was He saying we can as long as we are keeping one condition—which is seen in the last phrase of the verse?
 - Give yourself a grade for how rich you are toward God (A, B, C, D, F) and explain why you gave yourself that grade.
 - In what ways can we be rich toward God?