

Message Notes | The Generous Life

Part 2: The Opportunity

Luke 12:13-21

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- our generous Father

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1. As you look back on your adult life, what would you say has been your goal regarding your finances? What has been the main influence on your financial decisions?
2. Why does it seem as if our lifestyle always grows to the size of our income? What are some practical ways to get out of that cycle?
3. **Read Luke 12:13-15.** Jesus said, "Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." What does that mean?
4. Why is comparison such a temptation?
How do we fight it spiritually?
How do we fight it practically?
5. **Read Luke 12:16-21.** The man in the parable thought about his stuff only through the "spending" lens and not the "giving" lens. What are some reasons that "give" can be forgotten?
6. Share a time when you found a deeper purpose and joy in giving. What happened? How did it affect you?
7. How do you tell the difference between good financial planning for the future and hoarding money for your personal security and consumption?

Is there such a thing as being too generous?
8. We all have different financial circumstances. What's the first step you need to take in order to give in a way that is rich towards God?

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Bible Reading for Today

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¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'"

¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."