

Sermon Discussion Questions — June 12, 2016

Luke 12:13-21, Proverbs 30:7-9 | Looking Unto Jesus, Not to Our Possessions

1. Verse 15 is key to understanding the Luke 12:13-21 passage. Ponder vs. 15 and discuss:
 - a. What does it mean to *take care* and *be on your guard*? What are some dangers we may face and quite naturally guard against (health, safety, accidents, etc.)?
 - b. What is *covetousness* and what danger does it pose to us?
 - c. How does the Tenth Commandment (*Exodus 20:17*) address *covetousness*?
 - d. Can you give an example of the sin of *covetousness* in your own life?
2. What is the main point of the parable that Jesus shares in verses 18-21?
3. In light of verse 21, do you think it is sinful to have a savings or investment account?
4. What does it mean to be *rich toward God*? Give some examples.
5. Why would we even want to be *rich toward God*?
6. Discuss *Proverbs 30:7-9*.
 - a. What is the spiritual danger that may accompany poverty?
 - b. What is the spiritual danger that may accompany riches?
 - c. Have you ever viewed your *riches* as something that poses a real threat to you?
7. What is meaning of *stewardship* and *tithing*?
8. What are the two fundamental desires of the soul that riches attempt to satisfy? Are these two desires inherently sinful?
9. How does the gospel substantially fulfill the above two desires?
10. Is it possible for the human eye to simultaneously focus on two objects at two distances at the same time with equal clarity? Can the “eyes of your heart” simultaneously focus on Jesus and material riches?
11. What is meant by the phrase, “the supremacy and sufficiency” of Jesus Christ?
12. Do you agree that the gospel “is the fuel of our faithfulness and the genesis of our generosity”?
13. Are you a *joyful giver*? If so, why? If not, why not?
14. What is the difference between a “bigger barn” or a “bigger Jesus”?