Bible Study: Treasure

Scripture: <u>Luke 12:13-34</u> Date: July 26, 2020

Main Truth

Disciples live generously with whatever God gives, not hoarding for themselves. Disciples make God's kingdom their top priority in life.

Use your journal or notebook to complete these questions to keep these truths in your spiritual focus during the week.

1. Be rich toward God (Luke 12:15-21).

Journal: What do the two warnings in verse 15 mean to you?

Journal: What is the flaw in the rich man's reasoning in verse 19?

Journal: How do things end up for anyone who stores up treasure for self?

Journal: How much money would make you feel like you have enough?

2. Trust God to provide (Luke 12:22-28).

Journal: What do you worry about most? How can you increase your trust in God to provide for you and your family?

Journal: If God cares this much for flowers that don't have souls, how much more does He care for you who has a soul?

Journal: How has God proven His care for you in the past?

3. Seek God's kingdom first (Luke 12:31-34).

Journal: Write this truth in the margin of your Bible or in your journal: Seek God's kingdom above all else because He wants to give it to you!

Journal: Write this truth in the margin of your Bible or in your journal: *My heart will always follow my treasure*.

Next Steps:

Honor God with your treasures this week, by realizing that everything you treasure really belongs to Him. Identify a few of your favorite things that you would find hard to let go of for the kingdom of God. Since Jesus is the greatest treasure in your life, reflect Him to others, especially to unbelievers.

"Stewardship": We are to invest the <u>time</u>, <u>talents</u>, and material possessions God has given us for His kingdom work (<u>Matt. 25:14-29</u>), knowing that God is the true <u>owner</u> of all we have, and that our true treasure is found not on earth but in heaven (<u>Matt. 6:19,21</u>; <u>Luke 12:16-21</u>). Motivated by God's generosity to us made most clear in the <u>gospel</u>, we are to give God the best of what we have (<u>Prov. 3:9</u>), regularly (<u>1 Cor. 16:2</u>), sacrificially (<u>Matt. 12:41-44</u>), humbly (<u>Matt. 6:1-4</u>), and cheerfully (<u>2 Cor. 9:6-7</u>), praying that God may be <u>glorified</u> in our stewardship of His provisions.

Spiritual Exercises for Growth

- ☐ Read the Bible every day
- ☐ Memorize Scripture Luke 12:34
- ☐ Devote time to private prayer
- ☐ Worship & fellowship with other believers
- ☐ Invest in others (family, small group, lost people)
- ☐ Share the gospel with a lost person
- ☐ Invest yourself in another believer

Next Week's Bible Study: How to Pray, <u>Luke 11:1-13</u>; <u>18:1-8</u>