

Luke 12

See Also

v1	Mat 16:6
v2-9	Mat 10:26-33
v10-11	Mat 12:31-32
v22-34	Mat 6:25-33
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The fisherman asked, "Then what would I do?"

"You could sit down and enjoy life," said the industrialist.

"What do you think I'm doing now?" the fisherman replied as he looked placidly out to sea.

We chuckle. Yet that story highlights an important truth. If we live only to accumulate material wealth, we'll never get enough. We'll work more and more frantically--until we collapse!

Been working all the time? Refusing to take vacations? Life is more than possessions. Learn to trust more fully in the God who has given us all things to enjoy. --DCE

*Once my life was full of effort,
Now 'tis full of joy and zest;
Since I took His yoke upon me,
Jesus gives to me His rest. --Simpson*

Some people are so busy preparing for a rainy day that they miss God's sunshine.



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Don't Get Greedy

One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses. --Luke 12:15

Philip Parham tells the story of a rich industrialist who was disturbed to find a fisherman sitting lazily beside his boat. "Why aren't you out there fishing?" he asked.

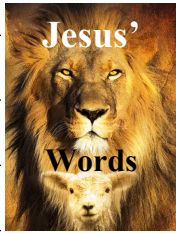
"Because I've caught enough fish for today," said the fisherman.

"Why don't you catch more fish than you need?" the rich man asked.

"What would I do with them?"

"You could earn more money," came the impatient reply, "and buy a better boat so you could go deeper and catch more fish. You could purchase nylon nets, catch even more fish, and make more money. Soon you'd have a fleet of boats and be rich like me."





What Matters

In Luke 12 the unique words of Jesus communicate to us three areas of our Lives that really matter:

1. Our _____, verses 13-22, 31

(1 Timothy 6:10) *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

(Philippians 4:15-17) *... when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. [16] For ... you sent aid once and again for my necessities. [17] Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.*



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(Exodus 20:3) *"You shall have no other gods before Me.*

(Exodus 20:17) *"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."*

(Proverbs 6:6-8) *Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, [7] Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, [8] Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.*



2. Our _____, verses 34-40

(Mark 12:29-31) *... 'HEAR, O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE. [30] AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' This is the first commandment. [31] And the second, like it, is this: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' ..."*

(Matthew 28:18-20) *... "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of*

all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am



with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

(Romans 12:9-19) *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. [10] Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; [11] not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; [12] rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; [13] distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. [14]) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. [16] Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. [17] Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. [18] If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19] Beloved, do not avenge yourselves,*

3. Our _____, verses 41-50

(1 Corinthians 3:15) *If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

(Romans 8:1) *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, ...*

(Matthew 7:22-23) *Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' [23] And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

