
Think Before You Interrupt

Luke 12:13-21

Introduction:

Remember, Jesus is in the midst of a massive throng of people. . . 20-30 thousand people! And his disciples are also near him. We are close to the end of his 3 year ministry on earth and the crowds, even though there were still massive throngs of people, began to turn on Him. They drunk deeply into the propaganda of the religious leaders that he was from Satan not God! He must be from Satan because he contradicts our religious traditions! They enjoy the blessings of his supernatural miracles but their loyalty stops there! His message is not heeded or accepted!

Jesus warns his disciples of the danger of false, hypocritical religion! It can damn your soul. But something in the material world can do that also. Greed . . . covetousness . . . not being rich towards God!

****Note**** God is _____ condemning wealth & possessions but one's _____ towards one wealth.

I Tim. 6:10 - the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

The Context or Setting: Jesus is interrupted by a stranger

1) Guard yourself against covetousness! vs 15

2) Real Living is not made of possessions or a _____ of possessions. vs 15

All earthly things, whether they be human, animal, plant or any other part of the creation will not satisfy because they were not created to satisfy us!

Ecclesiastes 5:10 "He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

The Parable alongside the Principle vs. 16-21

1. His land produced "euphoria" – the idea of _____.

Question: What two words do you see repeated multiple times in the next paragraph?

2. His abundance revealed His selfishness within. Vs. 18-19

James 2& Ecclesiastes 2:18-19

Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes 2:18 and 19 says this: "Thus I hated all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must leave it to the man who will come after me. And who knows whether he'll be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored for acting wisely under the sun. This too is vanity." And so he says, "I despaired of all the fruit of my labor for which I'd labored under the sun."

3. Do not _____ about your own mortality. vs 20

Conclusion: It is not about money but your attitude and use of your possessions. Are you becoming wealthy towards God?