

INTRODUCTION

- * Luke 12 begins with Luke's description of the size of the following that Jesus was beginning to have. The Greek declares that there were myriads of a multitude. In fact there were so many that they were literally stepping upon one another. (cf. Matt 5:13; 7:6; Luke 8:5; Heb 10:29). Two weeks ago, we began to see how Jesus would interact with various individuals in the crowd, who would shout a statement or question. Then, we considered how Jesus' responded to the woman who declared that Jesus' mother was blessed - by stating that those who hear and heed the Word of God are the ones who are truly blessed.
- * Today, we see Jesus respond to another declaration coming from the crowd and uses this moment as well to teach on an important topic - covetousness. The covetous desires of man have not changed over the millenia and as we move into a season that should be focusing upon the incarnation of Christ to pay the penalty of our sins, we will need to fight a heightened challenge to not participate in the worldly gratification of their covetous desires.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE I _____ (v. 13-14)****A. The R _____ from the Crowd****B. The R _____ from the Christ****II. THE I _____ (v. 15-21)****A. The P _____ (v. 15)**

1. THE DEFINITION OF COVETOUSNESS (cf. Exodus 20:17)
2. THE DECEPTION OF COVETOUSNESS (cf. Genesis 3:6; Joshua 7:19-26; 1 Timothy 6:10)

B. The P _____ (v. 16-21)

1. THE SITUATION OF THE RICH MAN (v. 16)
2. THE DELIBERATION OF THE RICH MAN (v. 17)
3. THE DECLARATION OF THE RICH MAN (v. 18-19; 1 Tim 6:10; 2 Tim 3:2)
4. THE CONDEMNATION OF THE RICH MAN (v. 20-21)

III. THE I _____ (v. 22-34)**A. Do Not Worry About Earthly Things (v. 22-28; cf. Phil 4:6; 1 Cor 7:32-35)**

1. THE P _____
2. THE P _____

B. Seek The Kingdom of God (v. 29-34)

1. THE P _____ (cf. Philippians 4:10-13; Hebrews 13:5)
2. THE P _____ (cf. Proverbs 11:24-25; 19:17; 21:13; 22:9; 28:27; 29:7)
3. THE P _____ (cf. Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:3,5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

INTROSPECTION

- * Contentment v. Covetousness - how would you describe where you are in your heart, your mind and your practice?
- * How much is "enough" for you?
- * Is your 1st priority the Kingdom of God, or the Kingdom of Self?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How do we apply this same topic of covetousness to the church? How do we as an assembly struggle with, and need to guard against covetousness?