

## **Luke Chapter 12:13-48 To Whom Much is Given**

Okay, here we go, another lesson in Luke! But Tuh-Dah, we are in a new chapter. There will only be two or three lessons in this chapter, hence we will start at verse 13.

Today we will investigate the balance of loving God and loving goods. I want to caution in advance --- if you begin to feel defensive, or like you need to defend yourself --- examine that. The other thing we will investigate is anxiety over daily needs. First.....

1. What earthly or worldly good or goods do you treasure the most? Why?

Let's read our scriptures for today.

### ***Luke 12:13-48***

2. What is your take on this?

I think the obvious here is nothing goes to heaven with us. The first part of our block speaks to this.

### ***1 Timothy 6:6-10***

I think the other, not really obvious, thing is that we often put more trust in the grace gift, rather than the Grace Giver. Everything we have is a Grace Gift from God and the purpose of these parables is to help align our hearts with God's. God knows how easy it is to begin to trust in our possessions and finances and forget where they come from or what they are for.

### ***Luke 12:21***

***So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.***

3. In terms of anxiety/worry, how do you personally overcome anxiety about needs?

**Verse 12:31**

***But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.***

4. What does that mean to you and how do you personally do that?

The second half of this is really a summation of the rest. It's an indictment --- that we as believers can become --- obviously beating servants is something we do not do. That is a severe case --- scenario meant to cover all scenarios.

The idea is that if God has given you much, well...

**Luke 21:1-4**

***And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."***

How is your treasure used to benefit the kingdom is what it boils down to. When was the last time your gift actually burdened you...

I know tithing, while incarcerated burdened me. But the truth is I always had abundance. I also know that every time I think to give, I calculate the cost to me.

**Luke 12:48**

***But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.***

5. How much has been given to you?