

THE MATERIALISM THAT STOLE CHRISTMAS

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13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” 16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ 18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ 20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ 21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” - Luke 12:13-21

2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.

3 Your gold and silver are corroded. - James 5:2-3

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath. - Proverbs 11:4

My Next Step(s):

- I will be on guard against all kinds of greed in my life.
- I will not put my trust in the abundance of my possessions.
- I will live without worry, not because of my perfect plans, but my perfect God.
- I will live beyond myself—giving generously and being rich toward God.
- I will live for Christ—finding my abundance in Him.

Memory Verse: Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”
- Luke 12:15

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LUKE 12:13-21

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LUKE 12:13

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LUKE 12:15

Fullness of Life \neq Abundance of X

Fullness of Life = Abundance of X

X = Money

X = Career

X = Travel

X = Family

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed...”

LUKE 12:15

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LUKE 12:16-20

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

LUKE 12:21

“Financial Resource”

“You cannot serve both God and money”

- Jesus

Matthew 6:24 Luke 16:13

HOW TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD

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Live Without Worry

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

MATTHEW 6:25-27

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

MATTHEW 6:25-27

**Freedom from worry
does not come from perfect plans ...
It comes from a perfect God.**

Matthew 6:24 Luke 16:13

HOW TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD

**Live Without Worry
Live Beyond Yourself**

When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

MATTHEW 9:36

CONNECTION
CARD

OFFERINGS
AND DONATIONS

MY
COMMITMENT

CHRISTMAS PARTY
REGISTRATION

CHRISTMAS
OFFERING

POINSETTIAS
FOR CHURCH

STAFF
CHRISTMAS GIFT

SERMON
NOTES

PRAYER
REQUEST

NEWS AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOW TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD

**Live Without Worry
Live Beyond Yourself
Live For Christ**

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PROVERBS 11:4

GOD'S WORD AFFECTS OUR

Views on Money
Views on Relationships
Views on Life

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JAMES 5:2-3

Grace and peace be yours in abundance
through the knowledge of God and of Jesus
our Lord.

2 PETER 1:2

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