

Life and Riches—Luke 12:13-34
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Jesus refuses a request to arbitrate in financial matters, but instead begins to teach about spiritual matters. Whether you have “life” is not indicated by your possessions, but by how you view your possessions. This amazing passage forces us to look at our life and discern its true value from God’s perspective.

1. The Principle: True life consists of riches toward God.

2. The Application: Don’t be greedy!
 - a. Life is not defined by temporal possessions (15, 23).
 - (1) This is foolish (20a, 30).
 - (2) You will meet God with only your soul (20b)
 - (3) Greed is expressed in two ways:
 - Hoarding your possessions (18-19)
 - Worrying you will have no possessions (22-32)

 - b. Life’s value is indicated by how you view temporal possessions.
 - (1) Possessions belong to God (16, 27-38, 31)
 - (2) Possessions are to bless others (33)
 - (3) Possessions show what we truly love (34)