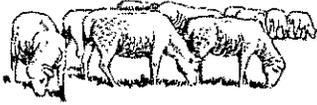


The Benefit of Biblical Practices Series

What We Get From Giving - Luke 12:22-34



I. The Setting and Situation

- a. Two audiences (Luke 12:1, Luke 12:22) need to be challenged on the same thing (how monetary focus distracts from the ideal mindset)
- b. The linking ideas in the surrounding parables; there is division (Luke 12:51-53) between those who live expectantly for Christ (Luke 12:13-21, 35-40, 41-48) and those who don't
- c. Note the gentle tone Jesus uses in this teaching! *"lilies, grass, little flock"*

II. The Sin

- a. Jesus is rebuking our anxiety, caused by money (Luke 12:29)
- b. Jesus lists reasons why being anxious over money is wrong:
 - it makes us materially minded (Luke 12:22-23)
 - it robs us of our time (Luke 12:25)
 - it makes us "orphans," i.e. we forget that God is our Father (Luke 12:30)
 - physical things depreciate (Luke 12:33b)

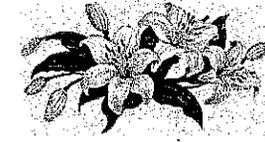
III. The Solution

- a. Choose/feed thoughts that God is our good Father (Luke 12:32)
- b. Act on this! Give charitably to God's kingdom/family (Luke 12:33a)
- c. Make "new spiritual life" your treasure (Luke 12:33b-34)

Conclusion and Summary Statement: In this chapter Jesus acknowledges how radical of a teaching this is, addresses you tenderly, and lays out a more ideal mindset to live with

Individual Study and Group Discussion Questions

Luke 12:22-34



Icebreaker: Create a list of the things that cause you worry. Share a few.

1. Skim over the other parables and teachings in Luke 12. What are the 2-3 things they have in common?
2. Focus in on this week's sermon passage (Luke 12:22-24). Read it out loud.

What is Jesus' tone? Does he sound angry, or tender?

Summarize what Jesus is telling his disciples in one or two sentences

3. Identify the three or four reasons why Jesus explains anxiety over money is wrong:
4. What does the believer have that the non-believer does not have (vs 30)?
5. Tim Keller has a great line about this passage; he says that anxiety "makes us orphans." What are some things that Jesus advises throughout this teaching, meant to remind us that God is our good and loving Father?
6. What are some things that this Scripture drew your attention to?
7. What about this Scripture challenges you the most?
8. What is it in this Scripture that offers relief and freedom and guidance?