

✓ **Your**
Treasure

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Luke 12:34 (ESV)

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

In Luke 12:13-48, the whole section is on Jesus' perspective on possessions and why it is important for us to understand HIS perspective!

Jesus is returning soon!

Luke 12:13–20 (ESV)

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰ **But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’”**

Now Jesus closes with the key lesson concerning possessions!

Luke 12:21 (ESV)

So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

God calls the person a soul who is not rich toward God.

Jesus is not saying anything **“against”** possessions, but HE is saying **“volumes”** about our relationship with God. Jesus goes on to explain why possessions are not the key to life.

Luke 12:22-30 (ESV)

²² And he said to his disciples, **“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious** about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. **Of how much more value are you than the birds!** ²⁵ And which of you **by being anxious** can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, **why are you anxious about the rest?** ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, **how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!** ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and **your Father knows that you need them.”**

Jesus is not speaking against possessions, but Jesus is concerned about our Focus, Priorities, and where we have placed our heart's desire?

Luke 12:31 (ESV)

Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

Place our heart on the things of God and HE will give us abundantly all we need.

If we place our heart's desire on Jesus, Jesus is excited about giving us all we need.

Luke 12:32 (ESV)

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Now in context we read the next statement. Jesus is not concerned about our possessions; He is concerned about our relationship with HIM.

Luke 12:33 (ESV)

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

First it does not say sell "all" your possessions. In fact throughout Scripture, God says HE will provide for us abundantly. **However Jesus is concerned about the things interfering with our relationship with HIM.** Jesus drives home HIS main point with the following verse! *Where is our heart?*

Luke 12:34 (ESV)

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

It is not possessions! It is the heart! Now with the issue of possessions and the heart cleared up, Jesus explains why this is of utmost importance. We have to be prepared for Jesus' coming! The next verse!

Luke 12:35 (ESV)

Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning!

Context is everything! Now Jesus gives us a story in Luke 12:36-39 to explain: *about being ready*

#1 Jesus uses an example of servants waiting for their master coming home from a wedding party.

The servants represent us and the Master represents Jesus.

#2 We as the servants are supposed to be awake doing our duties and open the door and greet our master, Jesus, when HE returns.

#3 As the story goes, because we are awake when the Jesus comes, Jesus will be so pleased that HE will have us set at the dinner table and HE will serve us.

The closing verse is key! Jesus is coming and we need to be continually prepared and alert!

Luke 12:40 (ESV)

You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. *To death or HIS return!*

In Luke 12:41-48 (ESV) Jesus continues HIS example and tells us to take care of HIS household and to bring others into HIS household.

#1 God sets people here on earth over HIS people and gives them resources to take care of HIS people.

#2 When Jesus returns those people that have been fulfilling their duty will be rewarded.

#3 Also, if the people have been fulfilling their duty, Jesus will put them over all of God's possessions.

(Clear indication of receiving rewards in heaven for our service on earth.)

#4 What we do in our life has an eternal impact.

Therefore we need to pay attention to the

responsibilities we have here on earth.

*HIS household,
the church, bringing people into the church.*

Everyone has been given gifts and resources to

carry out their assignment. We have a job to do!

Luke 12:48b (ESV)

Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

The whole point of this section:
Jesus is coming soon! Be Ready!

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.

Hear things of the Holy Spirit!