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Into Christ!

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# 40 Days of Prayer

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Our theme for 2023:

Let Us Arise and Build



# Building the Wrong Things

The Challenge of  
Money



# A Story from Jesus



The passage: Luke 12:13-21

# Luke 12:13-15

**13** Someone in the crowd said to Him,  
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the  
*family* inheritance with me.”

*\*All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*



# Luke 12:13-15

<sup>14</sup> But He said to him, “Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?”

<sup>15</sup> Then He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”

# Luke 12:16-21

<sup>16</sup> And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man was very productive.

<sup>17</sup> And he began reasoning to himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’

# Luke 12:16-21

**18** Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: 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 many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry.””

# Luke 12:16-21

<sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?’

<sup>21</sup> So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

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From other Scriptures, the problem  
was not:

Having wealth

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From other Scriptures, the problem  
was not:

Working Hard

# 1 Thessalonians 4:11

<sup>11</sup> and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you,

<sup>12</sup> so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.

# Colossians 3:23

<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,



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From other Scriptures, the problem  
was not:

Saving

# Proverbs 6:6-8

<sup>6</sup> Go to the ant, O sluggard,  
Observe her ways and be wise,  
<sup>7</sup> Which, having no chief,  
Officer or ruler,  
<sup>8</sup> Prepares her food in the summer  
*And* gathers her provision in the  
harvest.

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- Main Thoughts Identified by Jesus:
  - 1) The problem: He was not rich in the right thing.

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  - 2) The source of the problem:  
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# Making Sure This Isn't Me



➤ Greed is idolatry,

# Colossians 3:5

<sup>5</sup> Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.



# Ephesians 5:5

<sup>5</sup> For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

# Making Sure This Isn't Me



➤ Greed is idolatry,  
and it is good at hiding itself.

# Making Sure This Isn't Me



- Some “deeper heart idols”  
that produce this:  
Control and security

# Making Sure This Isn't Me



- Some “deeper heart idols”  
that produce this:  
Power and influence

# Making Sure This Isn't Me



➤ Some “deeper heart idols”  
that produce this:

Approval

# Making Sure This Isn't Me



- Some “deeper heart idols” that produce this:  
Selfish desires

# Filling My Heart with the Right Things



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➤ A biblical principle to change this  
temptation:

## 2 Corinthians 8:9

<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.



# Luke 12:22

<sup>22</sup> And He said to His disciples, “For this reason I say to you, do not worry about *your* life, *as to* what you will eat; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on.

# Luke 12:30-32

<sup>30</sup> For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

<sup>31</sup> But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.



# Colossians 3:4-5

<sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

May we remember at the  
“heart level”: Christ is my life!



# Receiving Salvation in Christ:



# James 5:16

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.