

"ENOUGH ALREADY!"

Luke 12:13-21 - Pastor Bruce French

When is enough, enough?

1. Enough is enough when I can't _____.

Luke 12:16-18

Action...

- Count your _____.
- Limit your _____.
- Control your _____.

2. Enough is enough when I can't _____.

Luke 12:19-20

Action...

- Recall your _____.
- Open your _____.
- Give your _____.

Take Home Truth

Enough is enough when I can't _____.

Luke 12:21

Today's Core Practice:

Give Away my Money: I give away my money to fulfill God's purposes. *(from 2 Corinthians 8:7)*

Today's Action:

Give either some money or possessions to someone in need.



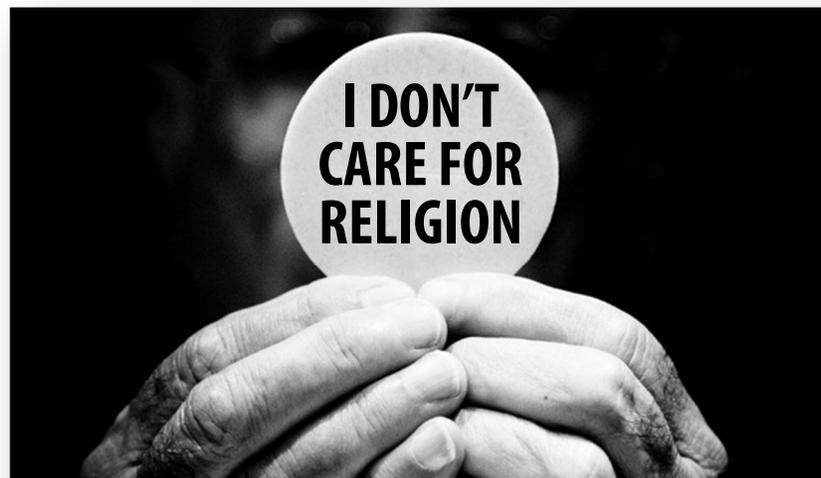
Deeper Connection Study

Jesus continues his teaching and is interrupted by someone bringing a problem for Jesus to solve. Rather than deal with the man's perceived problem, Jesus addresses the problem of this man's heart. He highlights it for the rest of his audience through a memorable parable. *Today's Core Practice discussed: Giving Away My Money.*

Read Luke 12:13-21

1. Why does Jesus tell an inquirer, "Watch out!" (v. 15)? Is this response too severe on Jesus' part? Why or why not?
2. What is the point of Jesus' parable (vv. 16-21)?
3. How do possessions relate to the purpose of life? How are you more than what you acquire and possess (v. 15; cp. 4:4; 9:24-25; 12:22-34)?
4. Why is greed such a terrible vice (cf. Eccles. 5:10)? Sadly, how is it esteemed in our culture?
5. What does Jesus expect concerning our priorities and attitudes toward wealth (cf. 16:13)? How does this encourage us to have godly contentment (cf. Phil. 4:11-12; 1 Tim. 6:6-10; Heb. 13:5)?
6. How is giving (or a lack thereof) a test that reveals our hearts? How can you use the resources God has given you to bless others?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his provision and care for you. Pray for an undivided heart that fully worships, trusts, and obeys Jesus Christ. Ask God to help you be an effective steward of the resources he has entrusted to you.



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The subject of greed rarely comes up among Christians. As an example, when was the last time you recall hearing someone say to you that they were struggling with greed? The reason is that most people, including many Christians, associate greed with wealth, and most middle-class Americans would discern that they are not wealthy.

More than likely, the man who asked Jesus to arbitrate the inheritance between he and his brother didn't think that he was greedy either. He probably thought that it was only fair that he receive his portion of his family's possessions, and after all, who better to execute that process but Jesus? Well, he didn't receive what he asked for, but instead got more than he asked for. Jesus gave him a rebuke along with some poignant instructions on the pitfall of greed and the desire for possessions.

So how about you? Do you perceive that you are greedy, and if not, what is the yardstick with which you measure? You might be surprised at the yardstick that Jesus uses to measure greed. Pay close attention to the parable he told because it reveals his measuring device.

