

A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED UPON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS WILL BE YOUR HEART

Luke 12:34 “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Jesus continues teaching His disciples about what their life is like living in the Kingdom of God. There is a difference, He says. Those who live their life in the kingdom of the world are like the rich man in the parable Jesus has just told, putting their faith and trust in the things of this world. The hearts of those who live in the Kingdom of God will not prioritize their earthly life around building newer and bigger storage facilities.

The lives of those who are members of the Kingdom of God will focus on seeking out opportunities for giving instead of getting, serving instead of being served, and caring for the less fortunate. Regularly they will set aside a portion from the blessings God gives them to give to those in need and provide them with loving care. The Macedonian Christians provide you with an example of this Christian lifestyle, “We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord. . .” (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)

Here in today’s devotional verses Jesus is not suggesting you sell everything God has given you. He is saying, unlike the rich man in the parable that kept everything for himself, you who are members of God’s kingdom will share a portion of what God has given you. If your treasure is in heaven then you will know that your life depends upon God “opening His hands and satisfying your needs.” (Psalm 145:16) You will “Seek first His kingdom” knowing all else He will give you as you have need. (Matthew 6:33) What you have in God’s kingdom “no thief can steal and moth and rust will not destroy it. (Luke 12:33) It will never wear out!

Prayer: Fill my heart, O Lord, with the gifts that are of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be,
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blesses us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.

The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.
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