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Series: Walking in Wisdom
Title: Cutting to the Heart of Materialism
Text: Luke 12:13–21



Introduction: (v. 13–14)

I. The Pull of Possessions: What We Ask of Wealth (v. 15)

- a. We look to wealth for **security**. (Psalm 52:7)
- b. We expect wealth to bring **happiness**. (Ecclesiastes 5:10)
- c. We rely on wealth to give us **significance**. (Psalm 49:12)

II. The Problem with Materialism: The Trap of Idolatry (v. 16–20)

- a. Idolatry is **selfish**. (Philippians 3:19)
- b. Idolatry is **short-sighted**. (Psalm 115:8)
- c. Idolatry leads to **sensuality**. (Romans 1:24–25; Exodus 32:6)

III. The Cure for Materialism: Desire the Right Riches (v. 21)

- a. Rich in grace (2 Corinthians 8:9)
- b. Rich in relationship with Him (Jeremiah 9:23–24)
- c. Rich in love and service to others (Matthew 25:40)
- d. Rich in righteousness (Proverbs 11:4)
- e. Rich in generosity (2 Corinthians 9:6–7)
- f. Rich in soul winning (Proverbs 11:30; 1 Thessalonians 2:19–20)

Conclusion: When God is your **greatest treasure**, His purposes become your greatest joys, your significance is secure, and your reward is eternal.”