

“Get Rich or Die Trying”

Luke 12:13-21
April 5-6, 2008

Open It

1. What is your honest reaction when you hear that our church is going to begin an investment campaign? If you're comfortable, share what you think is at the heart of your response to that question.

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Explore It

1. Read Luke 12:13-21, then answer the following questions.
 - a. What attitude did the rich man have toward his possessions and God?
 - b. By his actions, what error did the rich man make? Was it his wealth that Jesus condemned, or something else?
 - c. How does this parable apply to us as we get ready for the opening of the new Halfmoon campus?
2. Read the following scriptures and describe the kind of stewards God has called us to be. What do they teach us?
 - a. 1 Cor. 4:2
 - b. 2 Cor. 9:6-15
 - c. Luke 12:31-34
 - d. Luke 12:48b
 - e. Malachi 3:10
3. Read the following scriptures that explain how God wants us to view our possessions. By God's standards, how are you doing?
 - a. James 1:16-17b
 - b. Psalm 24:1
 - c. James 4:13-17
 - d. 1 Tim. 6:16-17

Get It

1. Would you consider yourself to be a naturally generous person, or do you tend to hoard what you have?
2. In his book, Too Busy Not to Pray, Bill Hybels encourages Christians to spend part of their prayer time thanking God for his material blessing and for his previous faithfulness. Do you spend much of your prayer time thanking God for these things? How would spending time in thanksgiving for this alter your perspective?
3. For some of us, the challenge is not hoarding the abundance of our wealth; it is more about making ends meet. What does Luke 12:22-32 tell us about worry in regard to our possessions?
4. Is the amount of money we have the critical factor that impacts how we view our possessions, or are we all vulnerable to errors in thinking about our possessions?
5. One mega-church in Atlanta approached a new capital campaign from the standpoint that they believed God was going to do great things through their new facility. They wanted everyone to have the opportunity to experience what God was going to do, so they encouraged the entire congregation to get involved. In what ways are you excited about what God is going to do through the Grace Halfmoon campus? What role is He asking you to have concerning our new campus?

Apply It

1. Based on this week's lesson, how do you need to view your possessions differently than you currently might view them, and what steps will you take to view your possessions differently?

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Series: “How Invested Are You?”

One Life Campaign

Saturday, April 5, 2008

Sunday, April 6, 2008

Bullet: Generosity is the wisest investment strategy of all because you’re laying up treasures in heaven.

Text: Luke 12:13-21

I. HE RECEIVED GOD’S _____ BUT HE
DIDN’T GIVE GOD _____.

II. HE PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE WITHOUT
CONSIDERING _____.

III. HIS INVESTMENT WAS TOO _____!