

“What is Real Wealth?”
January 18, 2009 * Luke 12:13-21

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and was it unreasonable?

B. How does Jesus respond to him?

C. In what Jesus says, he reveals the #1 wrong belief people
have about money:

That the most important thing in life is to have
_____ (and lots of it).

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B. What did the farmer do well?

C. Where was he wrong?

III. Why do people buy into the Great Lie?

IV. Why is it a 'great lie'?

Because the things that money gives us do not ultimately
_____ or _____.

1. Where do we learn this from?

Because there are dozens of things in life of far more
_____ than simply having money.

Like what?

V. What's the best way to steer clear of the Great Lie?

I need to make sure that I adopt the #1 right belief:
that I am not rich unless I am rich toward _____.
What does this mean for me?

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A. What does a man in Jesus' audience ask him to do for him, and was it unreasonable?

To intervene in a family inheritance squabble. The man probably was getting ripped off, and saw Jesus as a holy man who stood up for justice. He was confident Jesus would back him.

B. How does Jesus respond to him?

He looked inside his heart and saw money-lust running through his veins.

C. In what Jesus says, he reveals the #1 wrong belief people have about money:

That the most important thing in life is to have money (and lots of it).

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A. What happens in the story?

A wealthy farmer has a bumper harvest and can't decide what to do with the extra. He finally decides to build bigger barns and store it all up for himself.

B. What did the farmer do well?

He knew the value of hard-work. And he had a mindset to save for the future, which is a Biblical principle.

C. Where was he wrong?

He saw money as the most important thing in life. It alone could provide him security. He took something very important in life (money) and nudged it across the line into becoming a god.

III. Why do people buy into the Great Lie?

The simplest answer is that money is very important. If something is a counterfeit for something else, then it better at least resemble that other thing. And the reason money can play the counterfeit for being all-important is that it is important. Money possesses a very real power to affect our lives in real, tangible ways. People with money have access to products and services which people without money don't. People with money have influence that people without it don't. People with money have a type of security that's not an illusion, it's very real even though it's temporal. It's not ultimate security, or eternal security, but it's a form of earthly security that can hold your life in place, and I'd rather have it than not.

IV. Why is it a 'great lie'?

Because the things that money gives us do not ultimately satisfy or last.

2. *Where do we learn this from?*

We learn it from hundreds of Scriptures, but interestingly, we also learn it from hundreds (and thousands) of rich people who lives are far from complete and happy though they are wealthy.

*Because there are dozens of things in life of far more **important** than simply having money.*

Like what?

(Duh.) Health, family, friends, love, beauty, music, freedom, peace in and with God...

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