

Week 19 – Parables About Money (Review)

Day 1: Overview

Read Ecclesiastes 2

1. What did you learn from the teaching last night (if you didn't hear the message, listen to it online at trinitygrace.org)?
2. In the passage you read today in Ecclesiastes, what does the author say about material possessions?
3. Why did the author collect the possessions? What did he eventually realize about their worth?

Day 2: The Rich Fool

Read Luke 12:13-21

1. According to this parable, what is God's verdict on those who trust in wealth?
2. How much control does the man have over his life and death? How should this influence your priorities on storing up treasures for yourself?

3. How does this parable attack the typical Western thinking on establishing our own security and pleasure through possessions? Are you guilty of this as well?

Day 3: The Unjust Steward

Read Luke 16:1-13

1. What elements of this parable make it difficult to understand? Are you able to reconcile any of these? If so, how?

2. This parable makes a point by contrast between the “sons of this world” (the dishonest) and the “sons of light” (the faithful). What is this main point?

3. Why is it so difficult for us to keep our focus on heavenly things and away from worldly things?

Day 4: The Rich Man and Lazarus

Read Luke 16:19-31

1. What was the Rich Man's problem?

2. How does the Rich Man relate to us today? Do we have the same problem? What are we called to do?
3. In the parable, to what did Abraham point as the guide for the rich man's brothers? Why is this significant?

Day 5: Riches

Read Psalms 49, James 5:1-6

1. How does our Western culture view wealth?
2. How does the Bible view wealth? Why are so many warnings given to the rich?
3. Is money inherently bad? How should we use our money?