

**INTRODUCTION**

1. Dangers that must be noted

- a) The word of God
  - i) Taken for granted
  - ii) Rejected
  - iii) Neglected
- b) Lack of faith
  - i) Unbelief
  - ii) Little faith

2. One special problem addressed: "Money matters"

- a) The problem of covetousness
- b) The issue of wealth
  - i) Greed
  - ii) Materialism
- c) The problem of the heart

3. Occasion:

- a) A person from the crowd approached the Lord Jesus Christ
- b) To tell his brother to divide his inheritance with him Luke 12:13

4. The response of the Lord

- a) He did not come to be a judge
- b) Or be an arbitrator Luke 12:14

5. The hidden danger

- a) The problem of covetousness Luke 12:15

b) What life is not

i) Not about inheritance

ii) Not about abundance of possessions

### **THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL**

Luke 12:13-21

1. There was a rich man Luke 12:16

2. He had a very fruitful piece of land  
High yields Luke 12:16

3. His plans

a) He has no room for the extra crops coming in

b) He would tear down the present building and build bigger barns

c) Then he can say to his soul:

i) Many goods laid up

ii) Many years of work

iii) Eat, drink and be merry

4. God's Plan

a) He is a fool

b) What if he were to die that very night?

c) To whom would all his wealth go?

d) Death ends the best of plans

5. Lesson

a) Earthly riches only

b) Not rich towards God Luke 12:21

## **LESSONS FOR THE DISCIPLES**

1. Do not worry about your life      Luke 12:22
2. What is Life all about?
  - a) More than food
  - b) More than clothing
3. Consider
  - a) The ravens      Luke 12:24-26
  - b) The lilies/ the grass      Luke 12:27-28
4. The anxieties/ worries of life
  - a) Worrying      Luke 12:25
  - b) An anxious mind      Luke 12:29
  - c) Fear      Luke 12:32

## **CHALLENGES**

1. The problem of “little faith”      Luke 12:28
  - a) This has to be dealt with
  - b) This cannot remain unresolved
2. Worldly mindset      Luke 12:30a
  - a) The danger of worldly influence
  - b) The danger of becoming like the world
3. To trust our Father in Heaven      Luke 12:30
  - a) He knows what we need
  - b) He will provide
  - c) As He has provided for the birds/ grass/ lilies
4. To seek the Kingdom of God      Luke 12:31

a) God will give us His kingdom

b) He would see to our needs

5. To watch out for the heart

a) To learn how to give

b) To know what our Treasures are

i) Parable of the hidden treasure                      Matthew 13:44

ii) Parable of the Pearl of great price                  Matthew 13:45

iii) Parable of the Householder                          Matthew 13:52

c) To know where our Treasures should be

i) In heaven                      Luke 12:33

ii) Not on earth                  Luke 12:33