



The Truth About Life

Luke 12:22-32

- There's a phrase here in this chapter that is recorded only here and one other place in scripture.
- **VERSE 34 - Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.** This phrase is also recorded in Matthew 6 as a part of Jesus' teachings during the Sermon on the Mount.
- The crowd seems to be a little different from Matthew 6 to Luke 12, but the concept is still the same.

- At first glance, we may assume that this just about finances. Both passages address that, but the real focus here is on the priorities of our heart. That's important. Everything else in life will flow from that.
- Your investments (time, money, energy, affections) simply reveal where our true allegiance is. All of that is largely dependent on our perspective. Our perspective is shaped and molded by the information we consume.
- If we want to live a life consistent with the teachings of Christ, we have to be careful about what we recognize and understand as truth. God's Word is truth. Everything else in our life should be filtered through that lens.
- We live in a day and age where it is becoming harder and harder to live according to truth because it's becoming harder and harder to know what is true. Between AI and social media, we are entering a new age in regard to our relationship with the truth.
- I try to intentionally not become too reactionary in sermon preparation when there are things going on in the world. Most of the time, I try to stick with a systematic study of scripture because that's what is going to really mold and shape our lives more than anything else.
- Before we get into this passage specifically, however, I do want to address how we can view what's happening the world today in a way that is consistent with scripture.
Especially in view of the military action taken place in Iran.
 - o I hold to a dispensationalist view of the end times – we have been teaching on that on Weds nights. I do believe that we are heading towards a time when Jesus is coming back – when he does, he will come to defeat Satan, judge sin, and reign forever.

- In the midst of all that, there will be a rapture of the church, a period of intense tribulation, a millennial reign of Christ, and a final battle between righteousness and unrighteousness.
- I also believe that God has a plan for those who are of ethnic Israel – I believe Revelation teaches that the Jews will have an opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel during this time and that many will turn to Christ.
- It also seems apparent to me in Genesis, that the promises of the Jewish people are tied to the land that the Lord allowed them to occupy. There is something spiritually significant about the land – that’s where everything is heading and where everything will end. Before people are put into certain theological camps – Charles Spurgeon and John MacArthur were both dispensationalist in many ways.
- No one knows the time or the context of when these events will take place. But we do know that we are getting closer and closer each day. For Christians, we should be joyful in looking forward to the second coming of Christ.
- So, we should reject any worldview that is inconsistent with the teachings of scripture for the end times. And today – there are LOTS of them. Some worldviews are covered with biblical themes, but they are absolutely demonic.
- There are lots of threats that have tried to thwart the plans of God over the course of human history. I would say the greatest threat to our Christian worldview is Islam. It’s an ideology that seeks to conquer and destroy everything it touches.
 - Europe has been overtaken by it. America has been infiltrated by it. Israel is surrounded by it. The greatest threats to everything we believe in over

the past several hundred years have been led by Islamic jihadists who want to destroy and eradicate Christianity.

- If you look at Romans 9, 10, and 11 – it seems obvious to me that God still has a plan for ethnic Israel, and they need to hear and respond to the Gospel.
- Jesus will win in the end. Just stay faithful.

Main Point: Pursuing God's kingdom will change our outlook on life.

I. Provision from the Lord

- a. VERSE 24
- b. Much of our personal interactions and worries come from our relationship with provisions.
- c. Do we have enough? Are we going to leave enough for our children and grandchildren? What if emergencies happen and that we have to navigate the difficulties of doing without?
- d. Jesus said not to worry about those things – Why? Those things don't depend on you, and they don't depend on me to make them happen. Those are gifts from a sovereign and holy God.
- e. Here's your plan on stewarding the provision God has blessed you with –

Philippians 4 – I have learned to live with a little and learned to live with a lot. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

II. Planning for the future

- a. VERSE 29 -31

- b. Seek His kingdom, and these things will be provided to you. That's a good strategy.
- c. Had a great time speaking to the Hope Home guys yesterday about making plans for the future. I love seeing what God is doing in their lives, and I love being around these guys. They're eager to move forward with their lives, and they really support each other in that process.
- d. We talked about five areas of our lives that we need to plan for and ask for God's guidance in.
 - i. Finances, relationships, our jobs, physical health, and our self-awareness or purpose in this world.
 - ii. Our spiritual walk with God is the foundation for all those things.
 - iii. God cares about every single one of those aspects in our lives.
- e. Isn't it amazing that the same God who cares about the movements and affairs of nations – cares about my personal relationships and my job.
- f. The same God who appoints kings and rulers – is the same God who care about my personal finances and wellbeing.
- g. The same God who rose from the dead – cares about my physical health and where I am in life.

III. Faith in what is to come

- a. VERSE 31 and 32