

Series: Son of Man

Title: Beware Covetousness

Text: (Luke 12:13-48)

Jesus is Warning against Covetousness.

The Last of the 10 Commandments deals with this. (Ex 20:17)

This is not News to us or Uncommon to us in Scripture.

This is Not Uncommon in the World around us: (1 Cor 5:10)

(1 Jn 2:15-16)

Jesus will illustrate this: (Lk 12:13-15)

The Opposite of Covetousness is Contentment:

(1 Tim 6:8) *And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

(Lk 12:20) Nothing of this Earth Goes with you to Heaven:

Jesus calls it FOOLISHness: (Lk 12:21)

The Word of God says: (Lk 12:31)

Jesus Uses a Parable to Illustrate this: (Lk 12:16-21)(Matt 6:19-21)

Covetousness is going beyond legitimate needs or passions.

To BE: Who I am (Validation) I can't Be whole w/o it.

To HAVE: Who I am based on What I (Possession).

To CONTROL: Who I am based on what others think of me.

(Attention)

This is covered in the 10th Commandment

Rich Man in (Lk 12:16-19)

Covetousness Is the Root of all Evil: (1 Tim 6:9-10)

The Royal Law: (James 2:8)

The Problem of Covetousness: Deceptiveness: (1 Thes 2:5)

The Problem of Covetousness: It is born in our heart: (Mk 7:21)

See the company Covetousness keeps: (Mk 7:22-23)

The Problem of Covetousness: (Ecc 5:10)(1 Tim 6:7) (Matt 6:33)

Covetousness is Idolatry! (Eph 5:5)

Leads to Injustice & Oppression: (Micah 2:2)

Leads to Foolish & Hurtful Lusts: (1 Tim 6:9)

Leads to Emotional Bondage: (1 Cor 6:12)

Leads to the Departure of the Faith: (1 Tim 6:10)

Covetousness also Leads too..

Lying: (2 Kings 5:22-25)

Murder: (Prov 1:18-19)

Thefts: (Joshua 7:21)

Poverty: (Prov 28:22)

Misery: (1 Tim 6:10)

Domestic Affliction: (Prov 15:27)

Covetousness is a lack of perspective: (Heb 13:5-6)

Jesus does some Values Clarification: (Lk 12:22-30)

Vs 22-23 Is this life all we think about?

Vs 24 God can seem to handle the world around us

Vs 25-26 How much control do actually think you have

Vs 27 God knows what true beauty is.

Vs 28 If God spent that kind of effort on something that only lasts a summer, imagine whats in store for you as an eternal being.

Vs 29-31 We all are somewhere between the Word & the World, but let's move closer to the WORD!

The Answer: Love God, Serve People, Work for His Kingdom, Have your needs met.

HOW? (Luke 12:30-48)

Vs 30 Trust God's Character

Vs 31 Put God 1st.

Vs 32 Trust God's Promises, whats coming is better!

Vs 33a Change your view of Money! – It's Only a tool!
Vs 33b-34 Invest in Eternal things! (Hag 1:6-7)
Vs 35-36 Integrity is your greatest asset!
Vs 37-38 Your Master is coming with your reward!
Vs 39-40 We are to be Ready & expecting His return!
Vs 41-44 Peter is not satisfied w/ the Status Quo.
Vs 45-48 We were never meant to live our lives for pleasure.

Life w/o Covetousness, is to be Content: - Jesus is Enough

(Ps 37:16) *A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches...*
(1 Tim 6:6) *But godliness w/ contentment is great gain*
(1 Tim 6:8) *And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

Our Perspective can make us Covetous or Content: (Ps 73:25-26)

Do you have a Spouse? (Prov 18:22) The Widow thinks your rich!
Do you have children? (Ps 127:3) The Childless thinks you are Rich!
Do you have friends.(Prov 17:17) The Lonely think you are Rich
You have the wisdom of God's Word! (Prov 3:13)
The Simple Person thinks you are Rich!

Are you Content? (Phil 4:11)

The Discontented person thinks you're Rich or a fool.
(Phil 4:11-13, 19-20)(Is 48:22)

How do we get the Good Life & be Content God's way?

Develop a Spirit of Thankfulness: (Prov 3:1-2)

They are not Thankful: (2 Tim 3:1-4)

Learn to Love Others more than yourself: (Prov 3:3-4)

Say No to the Flesh: (Col 3:5)

Loving Others is Therapeutic: (Pro 28:16)

Trust in the Lord: (Prov 3:5-6)(2 Pet 1:4)

Choose, by Faith, to be Thankful: (Prov 3:7-8)(Eph 5:20)

Learn to Give: (Prov 3:9-10)

Expect God to correct you if you live below the level of His Blessings.
(Prov 3:11-12)

God wants our Heart: (Ps 37:4)

Covetousness is problem of the Heart.

Contentment is an attitude of the Heart!

Is this the Life you really wanted?

Is this the life God really intended for you?

Are you the Christian you intended to be 10yrs ago?

We all are somewhere between the WORD and the World.

What does your lifestyle say about what you really value?

What type of Christian do you want to be in 10 yrs?

(Phil 2:12) *“Work out your own salvation”*

Live it Out Daily!

The Time is now!

We need to be living it now!

Live your Christianity Out Loud!