Lesson 41
Luke 12:13-21

Introduction

Our heavenly Father wants what is best for His worshippers. Jesus takes an opportunity to teach us about the importance of maintaining an eternal perspective when living our lives. God is always more concerned with eternal impact than He is about our earthly desires.

Scripture

Luke 12:13-21 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Dive Deeper

1. Why would someone ask Jesus to render a judgement on financial matters, when Jesus teaching about spiritual things?

2. How do believers guard against the temptation of greed?

3. Define what a parable is, and list important interpretative principles which are particular to the understanding of parables.

4. What is the rich man neglecting in his understanding of abundant crop?

5. How should believers respond to abundance in their personal lives?

6. How does Colossians 3:1-4 help believers to have a Biblical mindset towards abundance?

<u>Scripture for the day:</u>

Monday – Matthew 16:25-27
Tuesday – 1 Timothy 6:6-10
Wednesday – 1 Chronicles 29:13-14
Thursday – 2 Corinthians 9:10-12
Friday – Psalm 37:25-26