

Notes from Today's Lesson:

The Gospel of Luke: Seek to Live a Faithful Life — Luke 12

1. Luke 12:1-3 — Beware of hypocrisy, holding others to a higher standard than you have for yourself.
2. Luke 12:13-15 — The value of a person is not measured by the amount of stuff they collect.
 - What profits a man, if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? Mark 8:36
3. Luke 12:16-21 — The rich man had an abundance of crops (Jesus speaks in a parable).
 - He built bigger barns to store it all.
 - The man desired more crops more than he desired God.
 - We should not worship our gifts, we should worship the giver (God).
4. Luke 12:35-40 — Jesus continues to speak in a metaphor-- God is coming back soon.
 - We should live our lives focused on God, eagerly waiting for his return.
5. Luke 12:42-44 — We are called to use what God has given us to further His kingdom.
6. Luke 45-47 — We should not live selfish lives, but we should run to the Father and follow Him.

Devotional #1: Whose Kingdom Are You Trying To Grow?

Read Luke 12:13

There is a man who is going to Jesus, hoping Jesus will make his brother share. What does he want his brother to share?

Read Luke 12:14-15

What does Jesus warn this man against?

Read Luke 12:16-21

Jesus tells a story in order to make His point about not focusing on material possessions (like toys, cars, houses, etc.). In Jesus' story, what does the man do once he fills all of his storage barns and silos with crops?

Since the man already has more than he needs, what should he have done with his possessions, his crops?

Jesus challenges us that we should not be selfishly focused on ourselves, but on God and His kingdom. God's command to us is to love God with all our being and to love others. All we have is a gift from God and we should not see it as our property to selfishly keep for ourselves. The original person who had asked Jesus to make his brother share was not focused on God's kingdom, but his own wealth and possessions. Being fair is important, but we need to be careful where our heart is focused.

We should choose to honor God with all we have by sharing it and using it to love others, instead of storing it for our own selfish desires. Where is your focus, on God and His kingdom, or your own kingdom?

Devotional #2: Worry

Verse Trust

It is hard to focus on God's Kingdom, when we are worried about ourselves. Questions can creep into our minds, like, "Who will look out for me if I don't?"

Read Luke 12:22-31

What are some basic worries that Jesus says people have?

What does verse 30 tell us about God?

Jesus is promising that God knows our needs and will take care of us. When we worry and focus on ourselves, who are we doubting?

We need to understand how freeing it is that God promises to take care of our needs. The God who created the universe, had the power to cause a global flood, to heal the blind, to bring the dead back to life, knows and cares about you personally. Your loving Heavenly Father has the ability to take care of you and wants to take care of you. Trust Him, and move your focus from yourself to Him.

Read Luke 12:32-34

What can happen to treasures on earth according to this passage?

If our treasure and mind are focused on heaven and God, where will our heart's focus be?

Are you willing to stop worrying and trust God with your life?

Grace Kids Devotional:

This is an opportunity for you to go home and continue to learn about the lesson taught in Children's Church. The three devotionals are designed to connect to this week's lesson.

The Challenge:

Complete all three devotionals either as a family or by yourself. If you are by yourself, you will need to write down your answers to verify you did the devotional.

Have your parent or guardian sign below, verifying you completed each devotional. Each devotional is to be done on a separate date (for example, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday).

The Reward:

Return this portion of your notes to Children's Church on the following Sunday and you will receive one Grace Buck per devotional (so you can earn up to 3 Grace Bucks for doing all three)

(Week of July 26)

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Devotional #1

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #2

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #3

Date: _____

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Devotional #3: The Life of a Bully

Many of us have come in contact with bullies, or maybe some consider you a bully. Bullies are people who use what they have to intimidate others. Whether it is physical strength or they have a position of power, they use it for their selfish purposes.

Read Luke 12:42-48

What does the good servant do, when his master is away?

What does the bad servant do, when his master is away?

Jesus relates this story to God and His kingdom. God has blessed each of us with different talents, skills, and strengths, and He will hold us accountable to how we use them.

If anyone is a bully, they need to realize they are living a life that is not following God. They need to realize all they have is a gift from God and should be used to honor God and demonstrate love for people.

If you know a bully, share the love of Jesus with them. Share the Good News with them and let them know that God loves them and cares about them. Only God can change them as a person, so loving them and sharing Jesus with them is the best thing you can do for them.

God loves you and He loves them too, so share God's love with them.



Run to the Father
Luke 12

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