



**BUT WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT IT?  
"What Did Jesus Say About Things?" Luke 12:13-21**

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Jesus taught that "riches" can throttle spiritual life like thorns choke the growth of seeds. In this parable He explained the connection between "riches" and "things."

**I. The Setting. vv. 13-15**

- A. Jesus addresses the crowds.
  - 1. The call to discipleship. 12:1
  - 2. The promise of the Spirit. 12:12
- B. A man interrupts the teaching.
  - 1. An appeal to Jesus' authority.
  - 2. A desire to use it for his own ends.
  - 3. Jewish laws of inheritance. Deuteronomy 21:15-17; Numbers 27:1-11
- C. A response from Jesus.
  - 1. An implied connection to Moses. Exodus 2:14; Acts 7:24, 35
  - 2. An unambiguous warning.
    - a. Beware greed's dangers: "Watch out! Be on your guard!"
    - b. Be alert to life's pitfalls: "Life does not consist in abundance."

**II. The Parable. vv. 16-20**

- A. A successful landowner: "a certain rich man."
- B. A special harvest: "the ground...produced a good crop."
- C. A sensible evaluation: "I'll build bigger."
- D. A self-centered attitude: "I will store my grain and my goods."
- E. A secular outlook: "Plenty of good things...many years."
- F. A stupid decision: "Take life easy, eat, drink, and be merry."
- G. A startling discovery: "You fool. This very night..."
- H. A solemn reminder: "your life (soul) will be demanded from you."
  - 1. A serious question: "who will get what you prepared for yourself?"

**III. The Point. v. 21**

- A. There are two kinds of wealth: secular or spiritual.
- B. There are two kinds of orientation: temporal or eternal.
- C. There are two kinds of lifestyle: self-absorbed or sacrificial.
- D. There are two kinds of attitudes: humble or haughty.
- E. There are two kinds of satisfaction: transient or permanent.
- F. There are two kinds of ambition: goods or God.

**Points to Ponder:** What have I learned about my orientation and ambitions? Now what?