

“Once Upon A Time”

- **Believers Are Blind To The Dangers Of Greed!**

“Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’” Luke 12:15 (NIV)

- **What’s Mine, Is Mine!**

“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 all my grain and my goods.’” Luke 12:17-18 (NIV)

- **Greedy People Are Never Godly!**

“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?’” Luke 12:20 (NIV)

- **How Can I Be “Rich Toward God?”**

“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:21 (NIV)

1. **Ask God To Forgive You**
2. **Focus Your Life On Eternal Things**
3. **Give & Be Generous**
4. **Learn To Be Content**

“But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

1 Timothy 6:6 (NIV)

Luke 12:1-21 (NIV)

¹ Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

² There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.

³ What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

⁴ "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.

⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.

⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

⁸ "I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God.

⁹ But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God.

¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

¹¹ "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say,

¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

¹³ 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; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.

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 all my grain and my goods.

¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things 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 anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

Luke 11:53-54 (NIV)

⁵³ When Jesus left there, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions,

⁵⁴ waiting to catch him in something he might say.

1 Timothy 6:6 (NIV)

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain.