



Parables #7

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Luke 12:13-21

1. Jesus talks a lot about money and our finances. Sometimes, this causes pastors and churches to talk about it a lot as well. Think about your *past* experience with sermons on finances.

** How do you feel when the pastor starts talking about money?

**Have you experienced conviction in a good or bad way from these sermons?

**What is the best way a church should talk about money?

For more discussion: Drew mentioned that Jesus spends about 2,000 verses talking about money, but only 500 verses about faith and prayer. For the sake of clarification, Jesus often uses money as an object to illustrate a deeper point, so not every verse tells us what we should do with our money. For example, the parable of the Lost Coin from Luke 15 is not about the coin, it is about the lost.

Nevertheless, 1 Timothy 6:10 states, “the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.” Drew said that we should be on guard because greed can seduce our heart.

**When was the last time you caught yourself lusting after money, or the materials that money can buy?

**Did that greed leak into other areas of your life?

2. The American dream includes a lot of financial security. The idea is that anyone can come to the United States and work hard so they go from rags to riches.

**Is the American dream Biblical?”

**Is storing up for retirement like building bigger barns for yourself (Luke 12:18-19)?

3. Drew said this: If *it* fills your _____ then you may have idolized *it*. Then, this caused you to miss what God is doing in your life. The idea is that when our focus is on the things of earth, we miss the things of heaven. Think back to the last time you caught yourself being greedy.

**Why were you so fixated on *it*?

**Were you able to identify your sin and repent of it? Was it easy?