

Sell the Treasure That Will Not Last and Seek the One That Will Not Fail

~Luke 12:32-3~

Thesis: Too many are afraid to share their blessings because they are afraid they won't have enough for themselves of that they will miss out on something in the future (FOMO). "Where your treasure is, there will your heart will be also." What we treasure has tremendous implications for the health and security of our hearts.

Introduction:

1. Chapter on anxiety and assurance not to worry, the God of heaven will always provide for our needs and protection just like King David said in Psalm 23.
2. "Do not be afraid" in scripture is more than assurance, it is a command (c.f. Joshua 1:9). Why? (a) We are the "Little flock," (Lk. 12:32; Matt. 26:31; Mic. 2:12; Lk. 10:3; Acts 20:29) and, (b) God has been pleased to give the apostles (us by extension) a place at the table in the Kingdom (Luke 22:29-30)
3. In this section of Scripture Jesus highlights that God is a providing Shepherd, Father and King. Therefore, we can give freely and generously without fear.
 - I. God knows your needs
 - A. Luke 12:32
 - B. Luke 12:29-31
 - II. The admonition? Sell Your Possessions
 - A. Not all your possessions like the rich young ruler (Lk. 18:22)
 - B. If you don't have money to give then sell your possessions, get money and give to the poor. (Luke 12:33) The 1st century church did the same among each other (Acts 2:45).
 - C. Compassion and generosity shows you are a member of the Kingdom of God. The Shepherd, Father and King delights to give to us and delights when we have the same spirit of generosity (Luke 12:32)
 - D. With such a generous Father as we have, we can afford to live a simple and generous life knowing that He will take care of our every need now and in the future (Luke 12:32-33)
 - III. The treasure in heaven (Lk. 12:33)
 - A. Earthly treasures will be lost, either through bad investments, inflation, or at the Parousia, but what will not be lost is the heavenly investment. Giving to the poor has always been a major part of Jesus' ministry and part of the Kingdom message:

1. **Lk. 18:22** - Rich young ruler, sell all you have and distribute to the poor, have treasures in heaven.
2. **Lk. 3:11** - man who has two shirts share with one who has none, the same with food
3. **Lk. 6:34-35, 38** - give and it will be given to you with a larger scoop
4. **Lk. 11:41; 14:12-14; 19:8; (1 Tim. 6:17-19** - “**17** Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. **18** *Instruct them* to do good, to be rich in good [a]works, to be generous and ready to share, **19** storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.)
5. Heavenly treasures will **not** be lost (grow old)
6. Will not fail
7. Cannot be stolen or taken by force (thief)
8. Cannot be destroyed (moth)

IV. Treasure in your heart (**Lk. 12:34**)

- A. The heart betrays the emotions. If you place your trust on earthly treasures you will eventually be disappointed, your joy will turn into anxiety and depression. If your trust is in heaven then your treasure is secure and joy is eternal.
- B. Heart always follows the treasure..
- C. The only true security is found in God and the Kingdom

V. Generosity and Joy (**Lk. 12:33**)

- A. Being generous is Christ-like, it teaches us to give freely, depend on God for our needs and focus on our heavenly treasure (money-let which does not wear out).
- B. Generosity does not buy the eternal treasure, but it does confirm that you are a person who has deposited a treasure in heaven.
- C. **Luke 6:38**, there is never any need to be afraid of being generous, God will make sure we are blessed far more than we give, if we are truly generous.

Conclusion:

1. Christians are called to be generous (Good Samaritan) to all people, especially the household of God (**Galatians 6:10**).
2. We should never be afraid of being generous because we are the “Little Flock” of Luke 12 and the Shepherd will always take care of us.
3. Father gave us His Son as a gift for salvation (**John 3:16**).