

LESS IS MORE
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Proverbs 13:7 *There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.* NKJV

Materialism takes a heavy toll on your souls health and your effectiveness for Christ in the world

When our emotional needs depend on acquiring more possessions, more money, more toys, then we're in for a shock when we find our hands full but our hearts empty.

Craig Groeschel
(Soul Detox)

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. NLT

When you grow closer to Christ, the temptations of worldly possessions loosen their grip on you. You will find that you care less about this world and you focus more on the world to come.

"You say, 'if I had a little more I should be very satisfied,' You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled."

Charles Spurgeon

Jesus said, *"Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions. Luke 12:15.*

The truth is you are not what you have. You are not where you live. You are not what you wear. You are not what you drive.

You are who God says you are. You are His child.

Someone once said,

'It's not wrong to have things. It's wrong when your things have you.'

Questions To Ponder and Study:
Read Luke 12:13-21

Open: At what time in your life have you felt the most "well off" financially? Do you think it is harder to live when you have a lot or a little? Why?

Looking to the Scripture:

1. What is the root of this man's concern (Vs 13-15)
2. What does Jesus say to this man? Why?
3. Jesus tells a parable to the crowd (vs 16-20). What point was Jesus making in this parable?

Luke 12:21 says: "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." NKJV. What does it mean to be rich toward God?

REFLECT:

4. In planning an investment portfolio to become "rich toward God" What will you do?