

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. **Psalm 23.**
2. "Do not be afraid" in scripture is more than assurance, it is a command (c.f. **Joshua 1:9**).
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**)
 - C. Compassion and generosity shows you are a member of the Kingdom of God.
 - D. Our generous Father allows us confidence that he will take care of us (**Luke 12:32-33**)
 - III. The treasure in heaven (**Lk. 12:33**)
 - A. Earthly treasures will be lost...
 - B. Giving to the poor has always been a major part of Jesus' ministry and part of the Kingdom message:
 1. **Lk. 18:22**
 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)**
 - IV. Treasure in your heart (**Lk. 12:34**)
 - A. The heart betrays the emotions.
 - B. 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...
 - B. **Luke 6:38**

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**).

Questions for Reflection

1. In the context of Luke 12, what specifically are Jesus’s disciples *not* to fear (Luke 12:32)?
2. How does Jesus try and overcome the disciples’ fear? What promise(s) does he give them?
3. What lesson is Jesus teaching about possessions in Luke 12:32–34? Is it bad to have possessions? Why or why not?
4. In Luke 12:34, try and explain the connection between the treasure and the heart? In what ways does our heart follow/depend on what we treasure?
5. How does Luke 6:38 help clarify the relationship between our generosity and our reward (joy)?