

Trust the Father Above All Else
Luke 12:13-34

- **Don't Pursue Material Security Apart from God (Luke 12:13–21)**
 - Jesus exposed the inheritance dispute as evidence of a deeper heart problem... What was that heart problem?
 - Who did the fool trust?
 - What Parallels do you see in Deuteronomy 8:11-17?
- **Don't Worry Over Life's Necessities—Trust the Father (Luke 12:22–31)**
 - Jesus commands believers not to worry.
 - The Father faithfully feeds the ravens.
 - The Father beautifully clothes the lilies.
 - The nations pursue earthly security.
 - The Father already knows His children's needs.
 - Seek the Father's Kingdom. But what does this mean?
- **Do Have an Eternal Perspective (Luke 12:32–34)**
 - The Father delights to give His flock the Kingdom.
 - Because of that promise, believers are free to live generously.
 - Heavenly treasure never fades.
 - Your heart follows where you invest your treasure.

1. Jesus exposes two very different people in this passage—the rich fool and the anxious disciple. Yet both ultimately suffer from the same underlying problem.

- How are covetousness and anxiety related?
- In what ways can abundance and scarcity both tempt believers away from trusting the Father?
- Read Proverbs 3:5–10 and Jeremiah 17:5–10. How do these passages reinforce Jesus' teaching?

2. Jesus repeatedly points His disciples to the Father's character rather than simply commanding them to stop worrying.

- Read Luke 12:22–31 again.
- List out all the reasons that Jesus gives for trusting the Father? Aren't they comforting!
- If there are areas of your life where you sense the Lord calling you to trust the Father more fully, what are you going to do about it? This week, I want to challenge you to spend intentional time with your heavenly Father in prayer. Thank Him for His faithful provision. Confess the areas where you've been trusting in yourself instead of Him. Reflect on the promises He has given you in His Word. Then ask Him to strengthen your faith so that you would increasingly trust Him above all else.

