



“BECOMING STINGY WITH MONEY”

Series: “THE TEMPTATIONS OF RICHES”, Part 3 of 4

Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: I Timothy 6:9, Luke 12:15-26, Ecclesiastes 5:13

Big Idea: God entrusts money to us not to become money-grubbing and selfish, but for us to wisely steward it by honoring God and blessing others.

Luke 12:18-19, Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

Ecclesiastes 5:12, “The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.”

Luke 12:15b, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Proverbs 28:22, “A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him.”

I. Watch out for any tendencies to stinginess.

II. Learn to trust God more than your portfolio.

Matthew 10:29-31, “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

III. Demonstrate your trust in God by tithing.

Malachi 3:10, “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

Luke 12:33-34, "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

IV. Number your days.

Psalm 90:12, "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."