



WHAT TO DO WHILE YOUR LIFE IS HAPPENING "Watch Your Priorities" Luke 12:13-21

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I. An Interruption.

- A. Discipleship training. vv. 1-12
 1. The futility of hypocrisy.
 2. The necessity of witness.
 3. The inevitability of opposition.
 4. The certainty of help.
- B. Personal priority. v. 13
 1. "Where there's a will, there's a..."
 2. The inheritance problem.
 3. A demand for intervention and settlement.
- C. Direct refusal. v. 14
 1. Normal rabbinical practice but...
 2. Jesus perceived underlying issue.

II. An Injunction. v. 15

- "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed..."
- A. All kinds of causes.
 1. An evil heart. Mark 7:22
 2. A disapproved outlook. Romans 1:29
 3. An insensitive conscience. Ephesians 4:19
 4. An idolatrous spirit. Colossians 3:5
 - B. All kinds of characteristics. See Exodus 20:17
 1. More possessions.
 2. More power.
 3. More position.
 - C. All kinds of consequences. (*Philarguria*) See 1 Timothy 6:10
 1. International.
 2. National.
 3. Personal.

III. An Illustration. vv. 16-20

- The story of a successful failure.
- A. A successful egotist—"I," "my," "myself."
 - B. A successful materialist—"soul," "things."
 - C. A successful hedonist—"Eat, drink and be merry."
 - D. An unsuccessful human being.
 1. He was a fool.
 2. He was unprepared.

IV. An Instruction.

- A. Life is not things.
- B. Life is on loan—note "demanded (back)." v. 20
- C. Life is being rich towards God.

Points to ponder: Is our culture in agreement with Christ? Who do I agree with? How does it show?