

THE GOLD(EN) QUESTION

LUKE 12:13-21

13 SOMEONE IN THE CROWD SAID TO HIM, "TEACHER, TELL MY BROTHER TO DIVIDE THE INHERITANCE WITH ME."
14 JESUS REPLIED, "MAN, WHO APPOINTED ME A JUDGE OR AN ARBITER BETWEEN YOU?" **15** THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "WATCH OUT! BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST ALL KINDS OF GREED; LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST IN AN ABUNDANCE OF POSSESSIONS."
16 AND HE TOLD THEM THIS PARABLE: "THE GROUND OF A CERTAIN RICH MAN YIELDED AN ABUNDANT HARVEST. **17** HE THOUGHT TO HIMSELF, 'WHAT SHALL I DO? I HAVE NO PLACE TO STORE MY CROPS.'

18 "THEN HE SAID, 'THIS IS WHAT I'LL DO. I WILL TEAR DOWN MY BARNs AND BUILD BIGGER ONES, AND THERE I WILL STORE MY SURPLUS GRAIN. **19** AND I'LL SAY TO MYSELF, 'YOU HAVE PLENTY OF GRAIN LAID UP FOR MANY YEARS. TAKE LIFE EASY; EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY.'
20 "BUT GOD SAID TO HIM, 'YOU FOOL! THIS VERY NIGHT YOUR LIFE WILL BE DEMANDED FROM YOU. THEN WHO WILL GET WHAT YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR YOURSELF?' **21** "THIS IS HOW IT WILL BE WITH WHOEVER STORES UP THINGS FOR THEMSELVES BUT IS NOT RICH TOWARD GOD."
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¹⁴Jesus replied, “man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵then he said to them, “watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of **greed**; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

THE GOLDEN QUESTION OUTLINE:

1. DECEPTION OF GREED
2. PROCESS OF GREED
3. PURPOSE OF MONEY

DECEPTION OF GREED

- Deceives by hiding itself
- Deceives by promising “LIFE”
- Deceiving ourselves

PROCESS OF GREED

- It's a reality for most of us, whether you rich or poor
- What's the man's real need? Storage or a peaceful soul
- Think > talk > do > repeat
- Greed is a bottomless pit, spiraling downwards!

PURPOSE OF MONEY

- If greed is so dangerous as Jesus pointed out, what do we do?
 - How much should I give (to stay away from greed)?
- "If you miss understand the purpose of something, it will end up in abuse"
- Is money the end in itself or is it a means to an end?
- Verse 20 – "they" will demand (correct translation is plural)
- We all have a debt to pay – an eternal one.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Cor 8:9 (NIV)

- He sent his Son > God has the power to break this cycle of greed.
- Money doesn't fulfill our actual needs and expectations
- God gives us what money promises and exceeds our expectations

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Are you rich towards God?
