

The Man Who Lost Everything

Luke 12:13-21

Introduction: Imagine if you had an opportunity to talk to Jesus in front of everyone. What would you discuss? The man in this passage was so blinded by his conflict that he wasted this opportunity.

I. EXPOSURE, v. 13-14

- A. He was caught up in a dispute: make my brother share!
His lack of focus made him greedy and lost
- B. Our character is often shown in times of despair
Romans 5:3-4, Revelation 2:10

EXPLANATION, v. 15

- A. Make your road longer and wider!!! What makes you, you?
1 Timothy 4:8, Philippians 4:4
- B. Thoughts about contentment
1 Timothy 6:6 Godliness with contentment is great gain
Contentment and stoic background (satisfied with life)
Philippians 4:11 Learned to be content (v. 13 all things in HIM)
Hebrews 13:5

EXAMPLE, v. 16-20

- A. The Parable, What if you got what you wanted?
Deuteronomy 8:18, personal pronouns occur 11 times)
- B. The folly of chasing the wrong thing (sin was in his focus)
Solomon in Eccl. 2:1-11 (pleasure, projects, possessions)

EXHORTATION, v. 21

- A. The safest place to invest your gold and silver is in the belly of the poor. (Augustine) 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Matthew 6:19-21
- B. Enjoy your life in the right way (Ecclesiastes 9)
Enjoy what God has approved, v. 7-8
white garments, oil, wine: makes life easier
Enjoy your family, v. 9
Heb. 13:4, Eph. 6:1-4, Proverbs 15:7, 17:1
Enjoy your work, v. 10
Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:11