



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Take Heed of What You Want

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The world defines us by what we have, what we do, and who we know. It is pressurising to try and measure up to the world's standards.

But God's Word tells us that our lives are not defined by what we have, but by what we give. God's Word tells us what our real treasure should be and what we should hold dear (Luke 12:13-34).

YOUR LIFE IS NOT DEFINED BY WHAT YOU HAVE

Take heed of what you want because your life is not defined by what you have (Luke 12:13-21). Our questions, our grouses, our unhappiness, can reflect our inner desires and our inner beliefs. Do we believe that our lives are measured by how much we own? Do our wants reflect such a belief? If so, then we should take heed.

Do we store up for ourselves the resources that God has given us? Our time, our energy, our money - are they used in service to ourselves, or do we use them to honour God? God is not against productivity, wealth or entertainment. What God is against is foolishness – when man has no regard for God.

Do we strive to acquire things we don't need? 1 Tim 6:9 warns us against the love of money and against loving money more than loving God. The way to counter the love of money in our lives is to give it away – hold things loosely.

YOUR LIFE IS DEFINED BY WHAT YOU GIVE

Take heed of what you want because your life is defined by what you give (Luke 12:22-34)

Do not worry about material needs; it will hinder us from being rich toward God. God will provide our physical needs. Illustration of ravens and lilies – we are more valuable than ravens, which God feeds and lilies, which God clothes. Our worrying achieves nothing.

Seek His kingdom and God will take care of our physical needs. The kingdom of God is greater than our physical needs (Rom 14:17). The deepest need of man is his relationship with God – His righteousness, peace and joy. God wants us to seek this joy! To see Him as our ultimate treasure. For where our treasure is, there our heart will be also.

CONCLUSION

It is not what we say that shows what we want. But in our actions, our decisions, our priorities, there our treasure is revealed.

Take heed, then, that the treasure we choose is true treasure. Treasure that no thief comes near nor moth destroy. Treasure that will last forever. An unfailing treasure in heaven.

Pray, therefore, for a heart that desires God. For where our heart is, there our treasure will be also.

QUESTIONS

1. How do you define a successful life? How do the things you have acquired or striving to acquire make you feel?

2. How can we seek the kingdom of God and orient our hearts heavenward instead of worrying about temporal, material needs? DSP challenged us to be rich unto God. Prayerfully seek the Lord on how you can do so.

3. Share one / two things that you have been holding on tightly and want to let go so that you may gain more of Christ. Rather than holding on tightly to these things, what will you do instead? How can your friends in the CG keep you accountable?