

# Luke 12: 13-34

## Jesus and Possessions



1. Think about some of the advertisements on TV. What attitudes to possessions do they reflect?
2. How much do you think advertising and other media influence our view of possessions?

### Read Luke 12:13-34

3. What are the wrong attitudes to wealth and possessions that Jesus warns against?
4. What are the right ways Jesus describes of viewing possessions?
5. In this passage Jesus several times talks about what really matters in life. What does he say? How does that contrast with “the rich fool” or the person anxious about food and clothing?
6. Why does materialism have such a grip on our culture? What ways does Jesus’ approach to possessions our materialism?
7. How does seeking God’s kingdom and having it free us from the grip of possessions? (vv29-34).

### The wider picture

8. The Bible’s teaching about possessions has several facets. What do the following passages contribute to thinking about the topic?
  - Ecclesiastes 3:18–22; 4:7–8.
  - Psalm 49:5-20
  - 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13
  - Ephesians 4:28
  - Philippians 4:10–19
9. Is it wrong for Christians to be rich? Is it wrong for Christians to want to be rich?

### Getting personal

10. Are you more likely to be the “rich fool” or the anxious person?
11. Are there specific ways Jesus’ words challenge your attitudes and actions?
12. What practical steps can you take to live for Jesus more consistently in this area of life?

### Prayer

Thank God for his physical blessings.  
Ask God to free us from greed and anxiety and teach us to be generous with his blessings.