

For the **SAKE**
of the **CALL**



— A Biblical Study of DISCIPLESHIP —

Intro:

Luke 12:13-21; 32-24

We freely talk about resources, how we can increase them; how we can avoid losing them.

We can become defensive when we discuss them in light of accountability.

Focus Point: *A disciple of Jesus will submit all of their resources to the authority of Jesus.*

- 1. The Cost of Our Possessions**
- 2. The Cost of Our Time**
- 3. The Reason for the Cost**

1. The Cost of Our Possessions

The Error of Ownership:

The man wrongly believed his possessions belonged solely to him.

“I, I will” 6 times

“My” 5 times

What we have, we are merely stewards of our possessions.

Matt. 13:45-46 *Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

Luke 14:33 *Anyone who does not renounce all he has cannot be my disciple.*

The Error of Ownership:

Believed his possessions came from his hand.

Matt. 5:45 *He causes the His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous.*

1 John 2:16 *For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life.*

The Error of Sustainability:

v.19 You have ample goods laid up for many years.

Our possessions do not sustain us, God is the one who sustains us.

Even when all we have is gone, God remains.

The Error of Purpose:

The purpose of what we have is not to spend on our pleasure or comfort.

We are called to use our possessions for the Kingdom of God.

James 5:1-3 *Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire.*

What will your possessions say of you on the day of Judgment?

“Don’t acquire too many things. The more you have, the more you have to protect.” P. Applegate

Jesus' Solution:

Use your possessions to bless the needy.

It ministers to those who have needs.

It kills greed and selfishness in our hearts.

Jesus' Judgment:

The man was called a FOOL!

Refers to a moral aspect: Knowing right from wrong, but choosing to do wrong.

Two reasons the rich man is called a fool:

1. All the errors he made (as mentioned above)
2. All he had worked for was now going to someone else.

2. The Cost of Our Time

Eph. 5:15-16 *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.*

“Days are evil” Paul is setting a tone of seriousness.

Don't Procrastinate:

James 4:14 *You do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.*

Be Wise:

Use your time to invest in others and the Kingdom of God.

3. The Reason for the Cost

Matt. 13:44 *The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

Nothing is of greater value than the Kingdom of God.

We pursue it with joy!