



Understanding Greed and Priorities Through Jesus' Parables



Explore Jesus' words on greed and priorities through the Gospels, focusing on the Rich Fool's parable to guide heart and life choices.

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Introduction

Welcome to this **7-day Bible Study Plan on the Gospels**, where we will center our attention on Jesus' teaching about greed and materialism. In Luke 12:13–21, Jesus tells the parable of the Rich Fool, a striking story that challenges us to examine our priorities and warns against the perils of misplaced values.

Jesus' ministry, as presented in the Gospels, consistently points us toward a kingdom perspective — one that values the eternal over the temporary, generosity over selfishness, and trust in God over trust in possessions. This parable is a vivid example: a wealthy man accumulates abundant crops, planning to store them all for himself but dies unexpectedly. Jesus declares that such a person is a fool because his life is demanded that very night, and his riches can do nothing for his soul.

This study plan invites you to delve deep into the teachings of Jesus regarding greed, wealth, and true treasure. Over the next seven days, we will explore Scripture passages that illuminate the dangers of greed, the necessity of wise stewardship, and the call to live with eternal priorities. As you engage, consider how these truths resonate in your own life. 🎯 Would you be willing to let go of materialism and store up treasures in heaven instead? How can a kingdom mindset transform your decisions, relationships, and trust?

Prepare your heart and mind as we journey through the Gospels to uncover Jesus' timeless wisdom about what it means to live abundantly and wisely!





Day 1: The Parable of the Rich Fool



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Your Verse

Luke 12:15 - "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 6:19-20 - "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven."*
- *Ecclesiastes 5:10 - "Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income."*



Day 1:  The Parable of the Rich Fool

Devotional: Guarding Against the Greed Trap

Jesus begins with a clear warning: greed is dangerous and misleading. In Luke 12:15, He tells the crowd to be on guard against all kinds of greed, emphasizing that life is more than possessions. The parable of the Rich Fool that follows illustrates this vividly. The rich man's heart was set on earthly abundance, but his life was demanded that very night. His riches could not save him or extend his days.

Today, God invites us to reflect on where our hearts are focused. Are we fixated on accumulating wealth, or are we seeking what truly satisfies? This parable challenges us with a vital question: What is it that gives our life meaning? It's tempting to think more possessions equal security or happiness, but Jesus counters this with a vision of life that transcends material gain.

Let this be a moment of self-examination. How do you view your resources? Are they means to bless others and honor God, or have they become idols? May God open your eyes to the richness of a life lived with eternal priorities rather than earthly anxieties.



Day 1:  The Parable of the Rich Fool

Reflect and Apply

1. In what ways has greed influenced your life or decisions?

2. How does Jesus redefine what 'life' truly consists of?

3. What distractions keep you from focusing on heavenly treasures?



Day 1:  The Parable of the Rich Fool

Journaling Prompts

1. List what currently holds the most value in your heart.

2. Describe a time when pursuing material things left you feeling empty.

3. Write a prayer asking God to help you seek true riches.



Day 1:  The Parable of the Rich Fool

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me guard my heart from the snare of greed. Teach me to value what truly lasts and to recognize that life is more than possessions. Give me wisdom to use what You entrust to me for Your glory and the good of others. Open my eyes to the riches found in You. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏❤️🌿





Day 2: 💡 Biblical Warnings About Wealth



Your Verse

1 Timothy 6:9-10 - "Those who want to get rich fall into temptation... For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 13:5 - "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have."*
- *Proverbs 11:28 - "Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf."*



Devotional: Love Money or Love God?

Paul's letter to Timothy serves as a sober reminder of the dangers tied to pursuing wealth. His warning that "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" echoes the caution Jesus gave in His parable. It's not money itself that corrupts, but the deep affection and trust placed in it.

Wealth, when idolized, can lead to temptation, harmful desires, and spiritual downfall. These biblical texts form a consistent chorus advising believers to guard their hearts and practice contentment. The peace and righteousness that come from God contrast sharply with the instability of riches.

Ask yourself: where is my trust? What do I run to in times of fear or insecurity? God calls us to be centered in Him, not our bank accounts. Contentment doesn't mean poverty of spirit, but freedom from slavery to possessions.

Through today's reflection, seek God's help to align your attitudes about money and possessions with His truth, resisting temptations and cultivating joyful contentment.



Reflect and Apply

1. How can the love of money become a root of evil in subtle ways?

2. What does contentment look like in your current life season?

3. How does trusting in God differ from trusting in wealth?



Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on your current relationship with money and possessions.

2. List ways you can practice contentment daily.

3. Write about how placing God first could change your financial decisions.



Day 2: 💡 Biblical Warnings About Wealth

Prayer for Today

Father, guard my heart against the love of money. Help me to find contentment in You alone and to resist the temptation to trust in riches. Teach me to be generous and wise, living a life that honors You above all. Thank You for being my unfailing provider and treasure. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ✨❤️🙏





Day 3: ✨ Treasure in Heaven Versus Earthly Wealth



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Your Verse

Matthew 6:19-21 - "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 16:11 - "If you have not been trustworthy with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"*
- *Colossians 3:2 - "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."*



Day 3: ✨ Treasure in Heaven Versus Earthly Wealth

Devotional: Investing in Eternal Riches

Jesus' sermon on the mount repeatedly directs us to eternal realities rather than temporary possessions. In Matthew 6:19–21, He urges us to store treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and thieves cannot break in and steal. This is a call to invest our lives and resources in what lasts forever.

Why does Jesus make this point? Because our hearts follow our treasures. If we invest in earthly things, our hearts become tied to them, yet these things are fleeting and insecure. But when we seek heavenly treasures—through love, service, faith, and generosity—our hearts find true security and reward.

Reflection on priorities and mindset is key here. We're challenged to ask ourselves where our focus lies: beneath the shadow of dust and decay, or in the glorious unseen kingdom? How can we reorder our lives to reflect what is truly valuable to God?

Today, consider what it means to shift your investments from the temporal to the eternal, and seek God's help in that renewal.



Day 3: ✨ Treasure in Heaven Versus Earthly Wealth

Reflect and Apply

1. What are some 'treasures' you are currently storing up on earth?

2. How might you begin to 'store up' treasures in heaven?

3. In what ways does your heart reflect your treasures?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about an area of life where you want to shift focus to heavenly things.

2. List acts or attitudes that build eternal treasure.

3. Describe how focusing on heaven changes your daily decisions.



Day 3: ✨ Treasure in Heaven Versus Earthly Wealth

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to store treasures in heaven, not on earth. Change my heart so that my desires align with Your kingdom purposes. May my life reflect eternal priorities in every choice and action. Teach me to entrust what I have to You and to live generously with joy. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ✨ 🙏 ❤️





Day 4: 🕊️ Trusting God Over Possessions



Your Verse

Psalms 37:16-17 - "Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; for the power of the wicked will be broken."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 6:25 - "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life... your heavenly Father knows that you need them."*
- *Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."*



Day 4: 🕊️ Trusting God Over Possessions

Devotional: Freedom Through Trusting God

Trust is foundational to overcoming greed and anxiety about material things. Psalm 37:16-17 contrasts the security of the righteous, even with little, to the unstable wealth of the wicked. It calls us to place our confidence not in the abundance of earthly resources but in God's sustaining power.

Jesus elaborates on this in Matthew 6:25, encouraging us not to worry excessively about our daily needs because the heavenly Father knows and cares for us deeply. This trust frees us from the bondage of greed and worry, enabling us to live more peaceably and generously.

Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us to trust God wholeheartedly, not relying on our limited understanding. When we surrender control and place our needs in God's hands, we can experience freedom from greed's grip and find true provision that satisfies both body and soul.

Today, meditate on God's faithfulness and provision, inviting Him to strengthen your trust over possessions and worries.



Reflect and Apply

1. Where do you struggle with trusting God fully in your needs?

2. How does worry relate to greed or attachment to possessions?

3. What practical steps can increase your trust in God's provision?



Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a time God provided for you unexpectedly.

2. Write about fears connected to financial or material security.

3. List ways you can practice trusting God more daily.



Day 4: 🕊️ Trusting God Over Possessions

Prayer for Today

Father, teach me to trust You fully. Help me release worry about my needs and to rest in Your faithful provision. May my heart not cling to possessions but find peace in You alone. Strengthen my faith as I walk forward in Your grace.

In Jesus' name, Amen. 🌿 🙏 💙





Day 5: 💛 Generosity as Kingdom Living



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Your Verse

Acts 20:35 - "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 9:7 - "God loves a cheerful giver."*
- *Luke 6:38 - "Give, and it will be given to you."*



Day 5: 🧡 Generosity as Kingdom Living

Devotional: Living Freely Through Generosity

One of the antidotes to greed is generosity. The early church in Acts set a powerful example, living in community and sharing generously with those in need. Jesus taught that giving opens the door to receiving blessings beyond material measures.

Generosity reflects the heart of God and demonstrates our trust in Him as provider. When we give joyfully, we participate in kingdom expansion and counter cultural selfishness. 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us that the attitude behind giving matters deeply; God delights in cheerful givers who give from a heart of love and gratitude.

This practice reshapes our understanding of wealth, shifting focus from accumulation to blessing others. When we align with God's generosity, our lives become channels of His grace, and our hearts are freed from greed's grasp.

Today, consider how you might embrace generosity as a practical expression of kingdom living.



Day 5: 🧡 Generosity as Kingdom Living

Reflect and Apply

1. How does generosity challenge your current financial habits?

2. In what ways can giving bless both the giver and the receiver?

3. What holds you back from giving more cheerfully?



Day 5: 🧡 Generosity as Kingdom Living

Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on a time when giving brought joy to you or others.

2. List practical ways you can give your time, talents, or resources.

3. Write a prayer asking God to cultivate generosity in your heart.



Day 5: 💛 Generosity as Kingdom Living

Prayer for Today

Lord, make me a cheerful giver. Help me to trust You as my provider and to open my hands and heart in generosity. Teach me to see my resources as tools for blessing others and advancing Your kingdom. Fill me with joy as I give. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ❤️ 🙏 ✨





Day 6: 🏔️ Aligning Priorities with God's Kingdom



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Your Verse

Matthew 6:33 – "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 12:2 – "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed..."*
- *Philippians 3:20 – "Our citizenship is in heaven."*



Day 6: 🏔️ Aligning Priorities with God's Kingdom

Devotional: Prioritize God's Kingdom Daily

Jesus' instruction to seek God's kingdom first is a call to reorder priorities in our lives. The pursuit of wealth or comfort is often the world's default path, but the kingdom of God requires different values and focus.

Romans 12:2 encourages transformation by renewing our minds, breaking free from worldly patterns and embracing God's perspective. **Philippians 3:20** reminds us that our ultimate citizenship isn't here but in heaven, which should influence how we live daily.

Living with kingdom-first priorities affects our decisions, relationships, and use of resources. This ongoing alignment shapes a life marked by purpose and peace, free from anxiety about earthly gain.

Reflect today on what it means to seek God's kingdom first and how you can practically embody that in your daily walk.



Day 6: 🏔️ Aligning Priorities with God's Kingdom

Reflect and Apply

1. What worldly patterns distract you from God's kingdom purposes?

2. How can renewing your mind transform your priorities?

3. In what areas can you practically seek God's kingdom first?



Day 6: 🏔️ Aligning Priorities with God's Kingdom

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about how your citizenship in heaven influences your daily life.

2. List habits to develop that focus on kingdom priorities.

3. Describe a challenge you face in putting God first and how to overcome it.



Day 6: 🏔️ Aligning Priorities with God's Kingdom

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, help me seek Your kingdom before all else. Renew my mind and transform my heart to reflect Your priorities. Guide me to live with eternal perspective and trust You for everything I need. May my life honor You in every choice. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏🌿✨





Day 7: 🚩 Living Wisely in Light of Eternity



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Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 7:12 - "Wisdom preserves those who have it."

Supporting Scriptures

- *James 1:5 - "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God."*
- *Luke 16:10 - "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."*



Day 7: 🏠 Living Wisely in Light of Eternity

Devotional: Wisdom: The Path to True Riches

As we conclude this study, wisdom is the key to living rightly in a world full of temptation and distraction. Ecclesiastes tells us that wisdom preserves life, helping us navigate choices that honor God and benefit others.

James encourages us to seek God's wisdom when we feel inadequate, reminding us that God generously provides when we ask. Jesus teaches the importance of faithfulness in small matters, which leads to greater responsibilities and blessings.

Applying the truth about greed, priorities, and generosity requires daily wisdom. It is this wisdom that empowers us to live truly rich lives—rich in love, in faith, and in eternal rewards.

Today, commit to seeking God's wisdom continually as you walk forward with a heart aligned to His will and kingdom.



Day 7: 🏠 Living Wisely in Light of Eternity

Reflect and Apply

1. How can you cultivate wisdom in your financial and spiritual life?

2. What small faithfulness is God calling you to today?

3. How does seeking wisdom protect you from greed's pitfalls?



Day 7:  Living Wisely in Light of Eternity

Journaling Prompts

1. Write a prayer asking God for wisdom in managing your resources.

2. Describe a recent decision where wisdom played a role.

3. List ways to grow in trustworthiness with what God has given you.



Day 7: 🏠 Living Wisely in Light of Eternity

Prayer for Today

Lord, grant me Your wisdom to live rightly. Help me to be faithful in what You entrust to me and to walk in Your ways each day. Teach me to value what truly matters and to reflect Your kingdom in all I do. Thank You for Your guidance and grace. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 📖 🙏 💡





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