Sermon Notes for September 8, 2013

When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box

Luke 12:13-21

Introduction

“Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”


1. Greed feeds a self-centered life.

The greedy person thinks only about himself.

“I don’t begrudge what these guys make, but what really bothers me is that they think they think they deserve it.” Bob Uecker

The problem isn’t money per se. The problem is with our attitude toward it.

2. Greed gives a false sense of security.

Jesus isn’t saying don’t plan for the future.

This man’s problem was twofold.

- His trust was in his wealth and not God.
- He was looking to the future, but he wasn’t looking ahead far enough.

“Live for the line and not the dot.” Randy Alcorn

3. Greed leads to misplace values.

Greed blinds our eyes to what is eternal.

God calls him a fool.

Then Jesus makes this application to all of us.

“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself, but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:21

“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?” Luke 9:25

II. What should we be investing in? Luke 12:22-23 and 30-34
"Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.”” Luke 12:22-23

Seek first his kingdom.

“For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.” Luke 12:30-31

Give Generously

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your hear will be also.” Luke 12:32-34

Love God and Love People

"Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39

Conclusion

Put your trust in God.

Seek first his kingdom.

Give generously to the Lord’s work.

Love God and love people.