

**GOOD FATHERS GIVE THEIR CHILDREN GOOD GIFTS.**

Luke 12:32-34

*Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

*In the face of anxiety and worry*

- Fear not! – Luke 12:32a *Fear not, little flock,*
  - Why? Because you have a good Father – Luke 12:32b *for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

Q: What is the Kingdom?

A: The Now and the Not Yet.

- Walk in rhythms of generosity – Luke 12:33 *Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.*
  - Invest in lasting returns.
  - Jesus is pointing us to our Greater Treasure, not banning material possessions.
    - Jesus and his disciples had a money bag/bank account – John 13:29
    - John the Apostle still had a house when Jesus was on the cross – John 19:27

“It is not the extent but the place of one’s possessions.”<sup>1</sup> – Walter L. Liefeld

- Realign your heart with your treasure the source of your hope – Luke 12:34 *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

Q: How do I seek the right treasure?

*Rhythms of generosity*

- Be honest about your fears.
  - For every “What if?” answer Jesus’ question: “*But who do you say that I am?*”
- Give when God gives.
- Give proportionally.
- Do you think Jesus knows what He’s talking about?

“The call of God will never take us to a place where the grace of God cannot sustain us.” – Darrell Bock, New Testament scholar<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Walter L. Liefeld, “Luke,” in *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary: Matthew, Mark, Luke*, ed. Frank E. Gaebelin, vol. 8 (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1984), 964.

<sup>2</sup> Darrell L. Bock, “Luke,” *The NIV Application Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 352.