

## Sunday, October 16

“The Good Life”

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Key Passages: Luke 12:13-21, Matthew 6:33

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Now would also be a great time to allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday’s message

Main Ideas

- v15 is a key verse (be on guard & covetousness)
  - The spiritual practice of: WATCHFULNESS
    - Awareness our own heart
    - Introspection
  - Covetousness
    - The insatiable desire for material things
    - Believing that everyone and everything exists for your benefit or pleasure
- Jesus uses a rich person because that is someone we would regard as having “enough”
- We tend to think rich means people who have enough BUT we are always thinking “what if I had just a little more?”
- Eat, Drink and be merry is the rich man’s version of “the good life”
- The rich man did not make God and his kingdom a part of his picture of the Good life
- It’s not an accumulating things issue. It’s a Worship/Heart issue
- We need to put to death what is “earthly” in us (Colossians 3)
- The rich man is worshipping idols. He was the god of his universe
- When everything revolves around us we become a COMPETITOR with God
- The key is not to give up desires BUT to desire the right things
- MATTHEW 6:33 – SEEK his kingdom FIRST
- God is meant to be our 1<sup>st</sup> love and our greatest desire
- When we delight in God he changes our desires

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How are you doing at the spiritual practice of watchfulness?
2. What does it sound or feel like for you personally to struggle with covetousness?
3. What would change in your life if you had “just a little more”? What would you do? What is your first instinct when you get extra?
4. What is your definition of the good life? What does it include?
5. How do God’s will, kingdom, and desires affect your life?
6. If someone knew your thoughts and saw all the decision that you make and the way you spend your time and resources, what would they say you worship?
7. How are you doing at making God your first love?
8. What would it mean for you to pursue the God life instead of the good life?
9. What are you doing with what God has already blessed you with?