

Series: Standing on the Promises

THE SPOIL WITH THE PROUD

PROVERBS 16:18-19; LUKE 12:12-21

Text: Proverbs 16:18-19

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¹⁸ Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. ¹⁹ Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Introduction:

Read Luke 12:12-21

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¹² For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say. ¹³ And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. ¹⁴ And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. ¹⁶ And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? ¹⁸ And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my

goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. ²⁰ But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? ²¹ So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

The Bible says that there was a great multitude of people that had gathered to see or hear Jesus, and He begins to give instructions concerning the topic of fear (vs. 1-12).

He instructs them that there were some things not to be feared, but there was someone to be feared. The One to be feared is the One that has the power to cast people into hell.

So as the Lord was finishing His instructions, one speaks from the crowd of people concerning an inheritance squabble with his brother.

So to give a clear answer concerning this He gives this story concerning a rich farmer.

Notice:

1. THE PERSONAL REQUEST (VS. 13)

Luke 12:13

¹³ And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

- A. A request for personal gain.
- B. A request out of a greedy heart.
- C. A request for self gratification.

Note:

This man probably thought if Jesus will talk to my brother he will divide his inheritance.

Note:

All too often personal request result in:

2. PRIDEFUL RESPONSE

Luke 12:17-19

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hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

A. This man had I trouble.

1. What shall I do (vs. 17)
2. Because I have no room (vs. 17)
3. Bestow my fruits (vs. 17)
4. This will I do (vs. 18)
5. I will pull down my barns (vs. 18)
6. I will bestow my fruits and my goods (vs. 18)
7. I will say to my soul (vs 19)

B. Actually thought he was responsible for his material blessings.

C. We need to be very careful using that word “I”.

1. In some cases it becomes a pride problem.
 - a. “I” do this or “I” don't do that.

Illustration:

Preachers should not become an “I” preacher in the pulpit.

3. PRESUMPTUOUS ATTITUDE

A. I will tear down my barn and build bigger ones.

1. He presumed that every year would be as plentiful as the present one.

B. To presume that God's blessings will continue with a prideful heart is foolish.

4. PARTY LIFESTYLE

A. Eat, Drink, and be Merry

B. Is a lot like people today.

1. This occurs all too often when one does not have to be dependent on God for his or hers daily provisions.

C. Is a lot like churches today.

1. Has happened to many Christians that have been blessed by God.

2. Has happened to many churches with large accounts, and wealthy members.

D. We never have enough spiritually to sit back with ease.

1. There is always something more to learn from God's Word.

2. There is always someone else to reach with the Gospel

3. There is always needs to be prayed for.

5. PRE-MATURE DEATH

A. This night thy soul shall be required (vs 20)

Proverbs 16:18

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B. All the planning in the world can't stop God ending our life.

C. All the money in the world cannot buy life.

Close:

1 Corinthians 10:12

¹² Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Lessons

1. Our motives will often be determined by our pride.
2. We must never forget where our material blessings come from.
3. We must guard against the “I” syndrome.
4. To presume that God’s blessings will continue with a prideful heart is foolish.
5. Our lifestyle is often the results of our dependence on God.
6. Our goal should not be to set back with ease spiritually speaking.