

TAKE THINE EASE

LUKE 12, PROVERBS 16

Text: Luke 12:19

(Luke 12:19) "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."

Introduction:

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 that has the power to cast people into hell.

So as Jesus 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 this rich farmer.

Notice:

1. THE PERSONAL REQUEST (VS 13)

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

Note: 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

- 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 a “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)

(Prov 16:18 KJV) "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

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 Cor 10:12 KJV) "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."