



Kyle mentioned Sunday - Sometimes we miss that there's a second advent that we are also to focus on. If you read the gospels, there are many passages that talk about Jesus' return, His second coming. In fact, if you surveyed all of the New Testament, you would find that in the 260 chapters of the New Testament, there are 318 references to Jesus' second coming. That means if you were to gather up all of the prophecies in the Old Testament that speak of the coming Messiah, that speak of the birth of Jesus Christ, that speak of the first advent, the total number would be roughly eight times as many prophecies or statements in the New Testament about Jesus' second coming, which is why we talk so much about Jesus' second advent.

Luke 12:13-15

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15 And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Getting Started:

- Why is the second coming of Jesus such a significant theme in the New Testament?
- Why is greed one of the seven deadly sins?
- What is something in this world that you are far too attached to?

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- Why do you think greed is so challenging to recognize in ourselves?
- How can we guard against the subtle pull of greed in our daily lives?
- Why can we not serve both God and money?

Luke 12:16-21

16 And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ 18 And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ 20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

- Kyle contrasted worldly wealth with heavenly treasures. How do you define wealth in light of eternity?
- Are there ways your current financial decisions reflect or detract from a kingdom-focused perspective?

Kyle mentioned 4 lies that greed makes you believe.

First lie - My Stuff Makes Me Happy

Luke 12:19

¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”

- Do you believe that having more will make you happier or more secure? Why or why not?
- How can you cultivate trust in God as your provider instead of relying solely on material possessions?
- Are you content with what you have? Do you envy or grieve over what others have?

Philippians 4:10-13

10 I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

- Do you know what the secret to being happy and filled with joy is regardless of whether or not you have what you need or have what you want?

Second Lie - HAVING MORE STUFF MAKES US IMPORTANT

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

- Why is there a great danger in trying to find importance, worth and value in the world?
- Do you believe that everything you have (money, possessions, intelligence, creativity, artistry) belongs to God?
- Do you believe that your worth and value is from him as your Creator and now from anything you own, or you can accomplish?
- Will rich people be in heaven?

Third Lie - My Stuff Makes Me Secure

- How does the parable of the rich man challenge the idea that wealth can provide ultimate security?

Fourth Lie - My Stuff Makes Me Rich

Luke 12:20-21

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- What are your priorities with your wealth?
- How are you currently investing in eternity through your time, talents, and treasures?
- How does thinking intentionally about the future allow you to live faithfully in the present?
- So, how do we respond to the greed in our own hearts? What is the remedy?

A Radical Encounter with God’s Grace

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

- How does encountering God’s grace inspire a heart of generosity?
- What steps can you take to ensure that your wealth and possessions serve God’s kingdom rather than becoming a source of pride or greed?

Express Gratitude to God for Everything

2 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.