

FIRST THINGS FIRST – PART 2:
MAKING ROOM FOR WHAT MATTERS
SCRIPTURE: LUKE 12:13-26 & 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10
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I. THE MEASURE OF LIFE

- Luke 12:13-15 NLT, "...Then he said, 'Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.'"
- Too many of us assume that the church only wants our money, or that God wants us to be poor.
- Jesus followers are called to live as though their lives are a gift from God to be given away.
- *Priorities* – Who decides what's most important?
- *Perspectives* – What shapes your image of money, possessions, and status?

II. CONSUMPTION ASSUMPTION

- Luke 12:16-19 NLT
- Wealth is never a problem for God. The assumptions around what we have are what create the problems He wants us to avoid.
- Luke 12:20-21 NLT, "...Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."
- Luke 12:22-26 NLT
- God has always known what you need and He has or will provide it.

III. CONTENTMENT OVER CONSUMPTION

- 1 Timothy 6:6 NLT, "Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth."
- Being content is the gateway to making room for what matters.
- 1 Timothy 6:7-10 NLT
- Contentment is always challenged by comparison.

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- Challenge:
 - *Look* at what you have.
 - *Know* where it goes.
 - Ask Him how much of this is for me. Where am I not content? Where do I not trust?
- Psalm 23:1-2 NLT, "The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams."
- Jesus is offering us something greater. Peace through contentment; a win over anxiety and fear.