## **SERMON**

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#### Luke 12:13-21

- [13] Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
- [14] Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"
- [15] Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."
- [16] And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.
- [17] He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'
- [18] "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.
- [19] And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."
- [20] "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"
- [21] "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

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#### 1. Life is a vapor.

## 2. This <u>brief life</u> prepares us for <u>eternity</u>.

• Heaven and hell are <u>real</u> – and <u>eternal</u>.

Luke 16:19-31

- Everything in Scripture points to a universe of <u>choices</u> and <u>consequences</u>.
- Christ is the <u>way</u>.

# 3. It's easy to get off track

- Neglect
- Things and self
- Putting <u>our thoughts</u> above God.

#### 4. The Way of God.

- 1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.
- Admit you are a sinner.
- <u>Believe</u> in your <u>heart</u>.

**Romans 10:9-10** - If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

- <u>Confess</u> with your <u>mouth</u>.
- <u>Turn</u> from the old and <u>embrace</u> the new
- Confess Christ openly.

# Lagniappe

James Clear is a favorite writer of mine. He has written about the power of habits and how you develop them.

Recently he wrote about adding value to other people. He said that before you ask for value - you must give value to others. This fits many areas of life.

Think about marriages. Most of the time we think about what our spouse doesn't do. He/she doesn't meet my needs, think about me, etc. James Clear would say that we have to add value to others before we can ask value from others. In other words, be sure that you are giving fully before you ask to receive.

While I don't know about James Clear's religious beliefs, like so many other helpful people - he is really expressing powerful words found in Scripture.

Jesus told us to "do unto others as you want them to do for you." Have you applied that to your marriage, your family, your friends at school, or your workplace? Have you considered the kind of difference this could make?

What about what Jesus said about loving others as you love yourself? Would this turn everything around you upside down? And, what if married couples practice "doing unto others" and "loving others as we love ourselves?"

AND - have you thought about your one - the one you are praying to come to Christ?

Before we can ask them to know Christ, we have to show that we know Him. Christ has to become real in us so that we can add value to the lives of others.

When that begins to happen, we will see many people yield their lives to Him.