

Jesus & Money – part 1

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HOW DO YOU DEFINE



UCCESS



LUKE 12:13-21

"Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety."

(Pro. 29:25 NLT)

"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness (greed), for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

(Luke 12:15)

OUR "EARTHLY" MEASURE OF SUCCESS

(w. 16-19)

- ❖ *Famous... Wealthy... Powerful*
- ❖ The promise is greater than the performance.
- ❖ We have no real control over the next moment.

"Now listen to me, you that say, "Today or tomorrow we will travel to a certain city, where we will stay a year and go into business and make a lot of money." You don't even know what your life tomorrow will be! You are like a puff of smoke, which appears for a moment and then disappears. What you should say is this: "If the Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that."'" (Jam. 4:13-15 GNT)

GOD'S "HEAVENLY" MEASURE OF SUCCESS

(v. 20-21)

- ❖ Fool = "acting without thought to the moral and ethical consequences of your actions."
- ❖ To be a *fool* is to exalt yourself over God.
- ❖ Success is dependent upon what God thinks of us!
- ❖ Hold onto things of this life loosely.
- ❖ Those who seek to honor God will wisely invest in those things that are eternal.