

THE **GOSPEL** WITH THE **POOR**

Don't worry, You have the Kingdom



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Two stories in the Bible that I did not like

Rich young Ruler

Widow at the temple

What are your feelings when you consider giving your money or possessions away?

What does money and possessions promise you?

Fulfillment

- I will give you security
- I will give you comfort
- I will give you pleasure
- I will give you power
- I will give you value and worth

“Don’t Worry, You Have the Kingdom”

Luke 12:13-34

Luke 12:15 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.”

The American Dream in 33BC

Luke 12:18-21 “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.’”

“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.”

Luke 12:29-34 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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Invitation

Meditate on Luke 12:13-34 and talk to Jesus about your fears related to money. Ask Him to help you grasp what He means when He says *“Your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom”*

Yield all that you are and all that you have to God. Give what you have as an expression of your love and trust in God.