

REMEMBER

THE STORIES JESUS TOLD

#3 - HOW TO AVOID BEING A FANTASTIC BUT FOOLISH INVESTOR

I will open my mouth and tell stories; I will bring out into the open things hidden since the world's first day. Matthew 13:35



IF I WANT TO AVOID BEING FANTASTIC BUT FOOLISH BUILDER

1. I WILL BEWARE OF _____ OF GREED.

*Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?”¹⁵ Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed... **Luke 12:13-15a** NLT*

- The kind that _____ has.

“They consistently talk about money!” - _____ to confess, _____ to change.

- The kind that _____.

“I never consistently give.” - _____ to confess, _____ to change.

2. I NEED TO BELIEVE WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT POSSESSIONS.

- It _____ me real life.

Even if a man has much more than he needs, it cannot give him life.

Luke 12:15b WE

- It _____ eternal life.

*Then Jesus remarked to his disciples, “Believe me, a rich man will find it very difficult to enter the kingdom of Heaven. Yes, I repeat, a camel could more easily squeeze through the eye of a needle than a rich man get into the kingdom of God! **Matthew 19:23, 24** Phillips*

- It _____ my actions and emotions.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...²⁴No one can serve two masters. If you try, you will wind up loving the first master and

*hating the second, or vice versa. People try to serve both God and money—but you can’t. You must choose one or the other. **Matthew 6:21, 24** VOICE*

- It _____ personal harm.

*For the love of money—and what it can buy—is the root of all sorts of evil. Some already have wandered away from the true faith because they craved what it had to offer; but when reaching for the prize, they found their hands and hearts pierced with many sorrows. **1 Timothy 6:10** VOICE*

3. I _____ WITH THE NEXT IN MIND.

*Then he told them this story: “The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: ‘What can I do? My barn isn’t big enough for this harvest.’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll gather in all my grain and goods, and I’ll say to myself, Self, you’ve done well! You’ve got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!’²⁰ “Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?’²¹ “That’s what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.” **Luke 12:16-19** MSG*

*Some people store treasures here on earth. This is a shortsighted practice—don’t undertake it. Moths and rust will eat up any treasure you may store here. Thieves may break into your homes and steal your precious trinkets.²⁰ Instead, put up your treasures in heaven where moths do not attack, where rust does not corrode, and where thieves are barred at the door. **Matthew 6:19-20** VOICE*

*Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage.¹⁸ tell them to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous.¹⁹ If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life. **1 Timothy 6:17-19** MSG*

*“But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that in your lifetime you got the good things and Lazarus the bad things. It’s not like that here. Here he’s consoled and you’re tormented. **Luke 16:25** MSG*

*But you, because of your hardness and unrepentant heart, are laying up a treasure of wrath for yourself on the Day of wrath and revelation of the just judgment of God... **Romans 2:5** RGT*

Notes:

Reflecting on todays message...

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?
