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## What does Jesus teach about ... POSSESSIONS?



Have you ever cleaned out your basement or garage and discovered many things that you forgot you even had? While you may be amused at rediscovering something you forgot about, perhaps you ask yourself: "Why do I have all this stuff?"

God truly blesses us with many physical blessings. Everything we have comes from him. He provides all the necessary things for life and is generous to give us many more things than we really "need." His blessings abundantly fill our lives.

Yet we must be careful that we do not begin to love the gifts more than God who gives them. It is easy for our hearts to become greedy and not be happy with what we have. It is so easy to

continually want MORE ... money... toys... houses... boats... cars... without end.

Yet none of these things can ever satisfy us completely or fill the place in our life and heart that can only belong to Jesus Christ. Our Lord warns us, *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"* (Luke 12:15). Jesus teaches us that there is more to life and more to us than earthly possessions. He is the source of all that we need spiritually and eternally.

So the Lord Jesus instructs our hearts to focus on what's really important. Money and the things money can buy are benefits that God graciously gives us, but money cannot buy a relationship with God. Jesus is the only way for us to know God and be with God. *"I am the way and the truth and the life"* Jesus said. *"No one comes to the Father except through me"* (John 14:6).

Jesus is our most precious possession. He lived a perfect life for us. He suffered the death penalty for our sins that we deserved. Jesus rose from the dead and promises that we will live forever through faith in him alone. Wow! Nothing is more important than the gifts of forgiveness of sins and eternal life that Jesus gives us by faith in him.

If you want possessions that really satisfy, look to Jesus!

We would be happy to tell you more about the abundance of blessings that Jesus has for you. Please give us a call or visit this Sunday for worship.