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SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Rich Toward God

Jesus warns us not to build our lives around what we own. The Father knows what we need, and He teaches us to hold every blessing with an open hand so it can serve His Kingdom and help people.

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Rich Toward God	Pastor Jason Gillick
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Sunday, August 23, 2026	Luke 12:13-34

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Put God's Kingdom first and trust the Father with what you need.

- Jesus points to the Father's care for sparrows to settle the heart in its value before God. ([Luke 12:4-7](#))
- Daily provision cannot become the believer's ruling focus; the Father already knows what His children need. ([Luke 12:22-30](#))
- Seeking God's Kingdom first places work, possessions, relationships, and decisions under His rule. ([Luke 12:31](#))

“Our focus is His Kingdom. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, then all these things will be added unto us.”

STUDY [Luke 12:4-7](#); [Luke 12:22-31](#)

02 Blessing becomes dangerous when possessions begin to possess the heart.

- Jesus warns that life does not consist in the abundance of things a person owns. ([Luke 12:13-15](#))
- Covetousness turns provision inward and makes accumulation, comfort, and control the measure of a life. ([Luke 12:16-19](#))
- Things may be received with gratitude, but they cannot be permitted to pull our affection away from God. ([Matthew 6:19-21](#))

“It’s okay. But those things cannot have you.”

STUDY [Luke 12:13-19](#); [Matthew 6:19-21](#)

03 Be rich toward God by turning what He places in your hands toward His purposes.

- The rich fool stored everything for himself but entered eternity without treasure toward God. ([Luke 12:20-21](#))
- Kingdom provision is meant to reach people, strengthen ministry, care for needs, and carry the Gospel farther. ([2 Corinthians 9:8-11](#))
- A generous life remains responsive when God says to give, sow, serve, or release what has been stored. ([Luke 12:33-34](#))

“When natural things are put in your hand, they can become supernatural to the righteous man and woman of God.”

STUDY [Luke 12:20-21](#); [Luke 12:33-34](#); [2 Corinthians 9:8-11](#)

04 Faithfulness with little prepares the heart to carry more without compromise.

- God looks for faithfulness before increase because He knows what each heart can carry without being mastered by it. ([Luke 16:10-11](#))
- Increase is not permission to strive or boast; it is a larger stewardship under the Lordship of Jesus. ([1 Timothy 6:17-19](#))
- Ask God to correct the heart, enlarge its capacity, and make every increase useful to His Kingdom. ([Proverbs 10:22](#))

“If you’re faithful with the little, then He’s going to increase you and He’s going to give you much.”

STUDY [Luke 16:10-11](#); [1 Timothy 6:17-19](#); [Proverbs 10:22](#)

05 Trust the Father instead of fearing how you will be provided for.

- Ravens and lilies reveal a Father who feeds, clothes, and values His creation without anxiety or striving. ([Luke 12:24-28](#))
- The pressure of earthly systems must not condition the believer to fear; confidence stays fixed on God and His Word. ([Luke 12:29-32](#))
- The Kingdom is the Father's good pleasure to give, so His people can obey, give, and serve from trust rather than scarcity. ([Luke 12:32](#))

“He gives you the blessing for a purpose. For a purpose. For His Kingdom and for His glory.”

STUDY [Luke 12:24-32](#)

06 Let the Word govern the way you receive, hold, and release provision.

- An encounter with God must be followed by obedience; truth becomes fruitful as we put it into practice. ([James 1:22-25](#))
- The believer answers financial pressure with God's promises rather than complaint, fear, or the world's measure of security. ([Psalm 37:25-26](#))
- A holy stewardship keeps the heart free, the hands generous, and the purpose of every blessing fixed on eternity. ([Matthew 6:31-33](#))

“It’s time to get obedient to the Word of God.”

STUDY [Psalm 37:25-26](#); [Matthew 6:31-33](#); [James 1:22-25](#)

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How will you be rich toward God?

What possession, financial pressure, or future concern has been competing for your trust?

Where is God asking you to seek His Kingdom first in a practical decision this week?

What has God placed in your hands that could become a blessing to another person or to His work?

What correction or new habit would help you remain faithful if God increases your stewardship?
