
SERMON OUTLINE

Contentment: Window of my soul

Luke 12 and selected passages

The Story: A man was angry at his brother for withholding his inheritance. Jesus responded with a story of a successful, but greedy farmer who suddenly dies (Luke 12:13-21).

- I. The sources of my discontent
 - A. Others – Envyng what they have but we don't
 - My family (Luke 12:13)
 - My peers/co-workers (Luke 3:14)
 - Unbelievers (Psalm 73:1, 11-13)
 - B. Me – My sinful selfish desires
 - My sinful, selfish desires (James 4:1-3)
 - C. God – My deficient view of God
 - God is withholding what is good (Genesis 3:1-4).

- II. The secret of becoming content
 - A. God – My view of God determines contentment.
 - Gratitude – God is the giver of all I have (1 Thess. 5:18; James 1:17; 1 Timothy 6:17).
 - Faith – God my provider will not forsake me (Hebrews 13:5).
 - B. Me – My longings change as I see God differently
 - Through Christ I am content (Phil. 4:6-13).
 - My longings are transformed as I think eternally (Luke 12:21; 16:12; 1 Timothy 6:19)
 - C. Others – I'm not envious if I value true riches.
 - Christians can ruin their lives pursuing money (1 Timothy 6:9-10).
 - Godless people lose it all at death (Luke 12)
 - Godless people have nothing in trials, but I have God forever (Psalm 73:16-17, 23-26).