

Luke 12:1–2 (NLT) Meanwhile, the crowds grew until thousands were milling about and stepping on each other. Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, “**Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy.** ²The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.

Luke 12:13–15 (NLT) ¹³ 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. Life is not measured by how much you own.**”

“Jesus warns people far more often about greed than about sex, yet almost no one thinks they are guilty of it. Therefore we should all begin with a working hypothesis that “this could easily be a problem for me.” If greed hides itself so deeply, no one should be confident that it is not a problem for them.” Timothy Keller

Luke 12:16–21 (NLT) ¹⁶ Then he told them a story: “**A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops.** ¹⁷ He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹ And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”’ ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ ²¹ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT) ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Luke 12:22 (NLT) Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, “**That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear.**”

Matthew 6:33–34 (NKJV) ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

None of us are promised tomorrow and today is not over.

Luke 12:19 (NKJV) And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry."

Psalms 14:1 (NKJV) The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*" . . .

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV) "The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

Proverbs 2:6–7 (NKJV) ⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly;

Luke 12:20–21 (NLT) ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' ²¹ "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

1 Timothy 6:18–19 (NKJV) ¹⁸ Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Luke 12:22–25 (NLT) ²² Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. ²⁴ Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! ²⁵ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?"