

Lesson 64 Handout

Luke 12:13–21

13 Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

14 But He said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?"

15 Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive.

17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

18 "Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry." '

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

21 "So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Deuteronomy 8:17–18 (AMP)

17 And beware lest you say in your [mind and] heart, my power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.

18 But you shall [earnestly] remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

1 Timothy 6:17–18 (AMP)

17 As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be proud and arrogant and contemptuous of others, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches, but on God, Who richly and ceaselessly provides us with everything for [our] enjoyment.

18 [Charge them] to do good, to be rich in good works, to be liberal and generous of heart, ready to share [with others],

I am Sowjanya, from Hyderabad,India.

My Father was born in a Christian family and mother in a hindu family.

As children, we used to go to Sunday school, by heard Bible verses, participated actively in church activities. my father used to write songs and we used have family prayer every night before going to bed. My mother too accepted Jesus. Our neighbours used say good things about our family because we were happy and content though my

father's earnings were very less and barely managed to pay our school fees.

And one day, our lives have changed forever. On 29th December 1999, my mother eloped with guy who belongs to our own church and whom we used call as brother.

I was 11 years old when this happened. My father became a drunkard and left his job. We do not had anything to eat, no money, no relatives to go to their home, Owners asked us to vacate our house.

For the next two years, My elder sister took tuitions and our neighbours provided us food sometimes and we never prayed to God from then on.

It was very difficult for us to face the situations thrown at us and we had no clue on what to do and no one guided us nor came to our rescue. We were on our own. My elder sister eloped with a non-Christian guy and discontinued her studies.

Someone told our situation to our maternal grandparents and uncle (who are hindus) and we went to live with them.

One day, my sister shown me a prayer pamphlet she had found and we decided to read it before going to bed and doing it gave us peace from all the hard work we did in daytime.

I got a free engineering seat with scholarship in another city and they had sent me there with much reluctance.

During engineering, I started going to church and in my 2nd year, I have accepted Jesus as my saviour. I wanted to serve God and do things for Him. I came to know about a mission, who works to preach the gospel to young people. I have joined it but soon lost my spiritual belief because of all the rules and regulations. I stopped going to church

regularly and even if I went, I never listened to the Word of God

And then it happened again!! One guy proposed me and I accepted just like that. He is a hindu. When I told him about my family, he gladly accepted me but told that it will take time to convince his family. I was very happy. It was like living my dream.

But somewhere I knew that I was doing wrong. I ignored it and continued to live the life as I like and stopped going to church.

My sister came to visit me one day and she wanted to go to church. So, we went to this church my friend suggested. That day, God has opened my eyes. I realised how I ignored Him all these days and again decided to give my life to Him.

I broke up with my boyfriend and when I realised that God will never want us to marry a non-believer.

My grandmother got me an alliance who is a Hindu. I rejected it and they stopped talking to me and my sister.

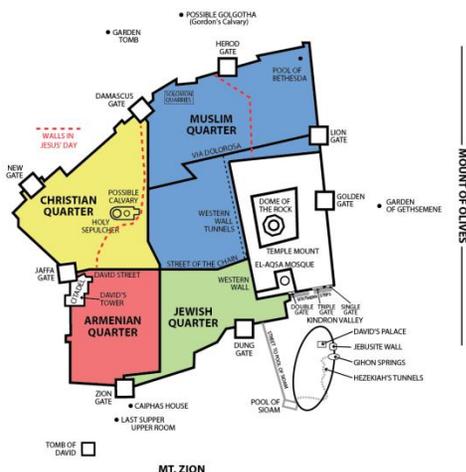
I asked God to get me married and when it didn't happen, I went into depression and stopped talking to people. I got addicted to physical desires and used to imagine those things all the day. I resigned the job as I couldn't do it with disturbed mind.

I regret that I have wasted 27 years of my life doing nothing to God but made Him sad because of my wrong doings. Now, I have only one goal, to know the purpose of God in my life and to lead my life the way He wants me to live. I decided to wait on God and I know for sure that He will speak to me.

I happened to come across your Bible study. I started listening to Luke gospel and I'm being strengthened in spirit. Every chapter is lesson for me. It's like God is teaching me on how to change my life. Thank you!!

Galatians 2:7 But on the contrary, they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised (Gentiles), just as Peter *had been* [entrusted to proclaim the gospel] to the circumcised (Jews); ¹⁰ *They asked* only [one thing], that we remember the poor, the very thing I was also eager to do.

Matthew 16:26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?



22 And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on."

23 "For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

24 "Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!

25 "And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span?

26 "If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters?

27 "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

28 "But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you? You men of little faith!

29 "And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying.

30 "For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

31 "But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

33 "Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys.

34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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Said the robin to the sparrow, "I should really like to know why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so."

Said the sparrow to the robin, "Friend, I think that it must be that they have no Heavenly Father, such as cares for you and me."

--by Elizabeth Cheney (Matthew 6:26)

Proverbs 21:31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD.

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Matthew 6:34 (AMP)

34 So do not worry or be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own. Sufficient for each day is its own trouble.

Psalm 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who bears our burden day by day,

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.