

# A Firm Foundation

## Solid truths for a shifting world

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Luke 12:31

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else,  
and he will give you everything you need.

Luke 12:16-34

“Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

<sup>16</sup> Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. <sup>17</sup> He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ <sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> 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!”

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’

<sup>21</sup> “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” <sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> 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! <sup>25</sup> Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? <sup>26</sup> And if worry can’t accomplish a little thing like that, what’s the use of worrying over bigger things?

<sup>27</sup> “Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.

<sup>28</sup> And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you.

Why do you have so little faith?

<sup>29</sup> “And don’t be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don’t worry about such things. <sup>30</sup> These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs.

<sup>31</sup> Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.

<sup>32</sup> “So don’t be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.

<sup>33</sup> “Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it.

<sup>34</sup> Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

How do I put His Kingdom above all else?

### 1. Recognize your Purpose

“For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory.”  
Romans 11:36

### 2. Live with awareness of eternity

“LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered— how fleeting my life is.

You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand.

My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath.”  
Psalm 39:4-5

### 3. Eliminate Foolish Thinking

“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”  
Proverbs 19:21

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### 4. Take a Life Inventory

What is the **center** / focus of my life?

What is the **character** of my life?

What is the **contribution** of my life?

What is the **communication** of my life?

What is the **community** of my life?

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will be.”

Luke 12:34

Your treasure is best seen by;

How you spend your **WORDS**

How you spend your **TIME &**

How you spend your **MONEY**

“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!” Luke 12:19

### 5. Adjust your priorities

“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.” Ephesians 5:15-16

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to seek the Kingdom of God