

RED LETTER GRAPHIC

Images (x3): all on the same slide

- Bed/sleeping
<https://static.vecteezy.com/system/resources/previews/008/197/754/original/cute-little-child-boy-sleeping-good-night-in-bed-at-home-vector.jpg>
- Sports scores
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- Psalm 23
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The heart **follows** (pursues & seeks) what is **values and prizes**.

SHOW SOUL DIAGRAM (used in previous messages)

Luke 12:34 (CSB)

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

Luke 12:34 (MSG)

The place where your **treasure** is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up **being**.

The heart can be **distracted, deceived and divided**.

Show x3 Images again (from above)

{Bullet points come up one at a time}

As God and His abundant Kingdom capture/captivate our hearts ...

- Adoration & affection
- Time, focus, energy
- Identity, perspective, worldview
- Money & possessions ... ???

□ IMAGE OF DOLLAR BILL --

<https://christianaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Liquid-Church-photo-of-dollar-bill.jpg>

Luke & possessions

Luke 8:14 (NLT) -- The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly **the message is crowded out** by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life.

Luke 12

- **Fear**
 - **Death (v. 4)**
 - **Public shame (v. 11)**
 - **Lack; needs & wants (v. 22)**

Luke 12:22-23

²² Then he said to His disciples, “Therefore I tell you, **don’t worry about your life**, what you will eat; or about the body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is **more** than food and the body more than clothing ...

All fears are really symptoms of one BIG FEAR ...

Luke 12:29b-30

... don’t be anxious. ³⁰ For the **Gentile world** eagerly seeks all these things, and your **Father** knows that you need them.

The BIG Fear:

- God is **not enough** OR God is **not gracious & powerful**
 - **Matthew 11:28-30**

This “fear” shows up clearest and quickest in the area of **money & possessions**.

Luke 12:31

³¹ “But **seek His kingdom**, and these things will be provided for you.

IMAGE: 2 KINGDOMS: the overlapping circles

The heart follows treasure.

Luke 12:32

Don’t be **afraid**, little **flock**, because your **Father delights** to **give** you the **kingdom**.

{all together; one slide}

- **Don't be afraid ...**
- **Little flock**
- **Your Father**
- **Delights**
- **To give**
- **The Kingdom**

Typical "Motivators" To Give:

- **Guilt & Shame**
- **Need**
- **Earthly prosperity**
- **Duty**

Jesus motivates giving because of the **surpassing value** of God & His Kingdom.

Luke 12:33

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Make money-bags for yourselves that won't grow old, an **inexhaustible treasure in heaven**, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

Jesus' Yoke (Possessions & Money):

- **Trusting** in a sufficient & gracious King
- A better & lasting **reward**
- Helping **His will** to be done on earth ...
- A demonstration of what we **really value**

Luke 12:34

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{Split slide: one side: **Image of Psalm 23** (see above); the other side these 5 bullet points}

- **Initial Giving**
- **Regular Giving**
- **Percentage (Budgeted) Giving**
- **Tithing (10%)**
- **Sacrificial Giving**