

**“Be Rich Forever”
Realign – Part 3
Luke 12:13-21
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“Then one from the crowd said to Him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But He said to him, ‘Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?’ And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, “What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?” So he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 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.’” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?” ‘So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.’” Luke 12:13-21 (NKJV)

❖ **Align Your Financial Desires With God’s Word By Being...**

1. SENSITIVE TO WHAT YOU WANT.

“And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’” Luke 12:15 (NKJV)

Covet: The uncontrolled desire to acquire.

❖ **The “Myth of More” Promises That More Stuff Will Bring...**

➤ **More Satisfaction.**

“Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!” Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT)

➤ **More Significance.**

“Then he said, ‘Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.’” Luke 12:15 (NLT)

➤ **More Security.**

“Don’t wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.” Proverbs 23:4-5 (NLT)

2. SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU HAVE.

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❖ **Error # 1: Arrogance**

‘Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God...’ Deuteronomy 8:11-14a (NKJV)

❖ **Error # 2: Selfishness**

❖ Error # 3: Overestimation

"The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers!" Ecclesiastes 5:11 (NLT)

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3. SERIOUS ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE GOING.

'But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?" 'So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.' Luke 12:20-21 (NKJV)

'Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.' Matthew 6:19 (The Message)