

Practical Faith

Luke 12:22-48

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Intro

Illus- Sometimes we say some dessert is very “rich.” This means it has a lot in it. In the same way, Jesus was teaching us to be “rich” toward God, meaning that we should have a lot of something in us.

One of the things that make us rich toward God is our faith. This is one of the key factors in making our relationship to God very practical.

This is about faith being practical in our every day living.

Note: In these verses, we again see Jesus using an argument from the lesser to the greater.

I. Faith is the Answer to Worry.

Vs 22-34

A. Do not be anxious (fearful) about life.

- How much more valuable are you than...?

- Faith is one the greatest helps to living in peace.

Illus- When I was looking for a wife.

B. What good comes from worry?.

- You can't add anything to your height, so why bother?
- Trust that when you're rich toward God, He is caring for your life with you.

Illus- When I was waiting tables and was told that I had to come in on my day off though I had a wedding I had to do.

II. Seek First the Kingdom of God.

Vs 29-30

A. Be willing to have different priorities than the world.

- Seeking worldly things is their life focus. Not so with you.

B. What does it mean to seek the Kingdom of God?

- It means to be about your Father's business.

Illus- When Jesus was assumed lost at age 12, His parents found Him in the temple, "Did you not know that I would be about my Father's business?"

- He will make sure you have what you need?
- C. Be generous, knowing that you have treasures in heaven,

III. Be Dressed in Readiness.

- A. Live as though Christ were returning very soon.
 - Have your life swept and the dishes cleaned.
- B. There's more expected from those who know the will of God.

Illus- Imagine how frustrating it might be if you had a child and you specifically asked them to do something and then when you came home you found they had ignored your words.

Conclusion

Living by faith rather than by fear is a much better way to live.

Phil 4: 6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Then the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus.