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POSSESSIONS
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 SOMEONE
 TEACHER
 TREASURE

Catechizing Corner!

Luke uses this interlude to offer commentary on the seductive power of possessions. Luke suggests that attachment to possessions is our way of dealing with our fear of the transitory nature of life.

"It is out of deep fear that the acquisitive instinct grows monstrous." The rich fool thought his massive crops would be his future security. However, at the end of his life his possessions were scattered like seed in the wind.

People amass goods believing them to offer security; in fact, they are more tentative than life itself. "The less you have the freer you are" is an apt description of this text's implication. The moral is: we must let go of death-clutching fear, acknowledge that life itself is the ultimate gift from the ultimate Giver, and realize that this life is tentative at best. We look forward to a future life in which the choices made in this life will impact our future. Not only are disciples to let go of fear, but they are to literally sell all they have and give it to the poor. This is truly the mind and spirit of the Lukan message. Believers know true freedom because of their trust and reliance on God who controls their destiny. Because of that freedom they are able to offer the gift of self to others. Such freedom prompts them to share their possessions with others. Only then are they spiritually free. True generosity exists in the midst of spiritual freedom.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship
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Disciple's Reflection

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Question of the Week

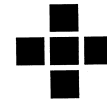
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A Call to Prayer

**The Word of God
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Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do:

I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Gospel Glossary

An **inheritance** is money and things that parents leave behind to their children after they die.

An **arbitrator** is someone who helps people find solutions for their arguments about money and business.

Greed is the selfish love of money.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: Name a time when you made a difficult decision and acted in faith, not in fear.

Teens: How does God use other people to soften our hearts?

Children: Tell how you know if you are ready to do what is asked of you.

Families: As a family, make a list of the blessings you have received since Christmas.

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives. Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure. Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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