

# **“When God Confronts Greed(Covetousness)”**

## **Luke 12:13-15**

### Introduction

- I. For whatever reason, it has seemed that mankind has a fascination with having more and more physical things.
- II. Unfortunately, it has gotten to the point that many gauge a man's value based on what he has accumulated.
- III. God has addressed the problems of greed and the consequences thereof (which is not a popular discussion in many “circles”).

### Discussion

- I. The Israelite people were taught about the dangers and consequences of greed (Exo. 20:17; Psm. 119:36; Rom. 7:7; Rom. 13:9).
  - A. Covetousness can consume an individual (Prov. 21:26).
  - B. Greed can lead to oppressing other individuals (Prov. 22:16; Ezek. 22:12).
  - C. Achan was a constant reminder in Israel's history of the dangers and consequences of greed (Joshua 7).
- II. In like manner, Christians have been taught about the dangers and consequences of greed (Luke 12:13-21; Matt. 6:19-20).
  - A. Christians have been taught that greed/covetousness is equal to idolatry (Col. 3:5; it is interesting to remember how much greed was involved in the actual idolatrous ways of the Ephesians [Acts 19:21-41] and the reaction that was shown by greedy people).
  - B. Greed (“the love of money”) is the “root” of all kinds of evil (1 Tim. 6:6-11).
  - C. If allowed to continue in our lives, greed will cost us our souls (Eph. 5:3-5; Jas. 5:1-6).

### Conclusion

- I. While it is not hard to get caught up in the world's pursuit of more and more physical things, we must fight diligently to abstain from such.
- II. Remember, the Lord is watching and aware of those whose hearts care more about their money and possessions than God (Mark 12:41-44).