

GOD IS PLEASED TO GIVE US THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Luke 12:13-34

Key Verse: 12:32

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

Study Questions

1. Read verses 13-15. What did the young man expose about himself through his question? What warning did Jesus give? What principle did he teach? What is greed and to where does it lead? (Jas 1:15; 1Ki 21)
2. Read verses 16-21. What did the rich man want to do with his wealth? Why was he a fool? (1Co 15:32b) To what does a nihilistic, pleasure-seeking, selfish lifestyle lead? (Compare the story of David and Nabal in 1Sa 25.) Why was the rich man called a fool?
3. What are the things people worry about? What is God's antidote to worry? (22-26) What should we learn from the lilies? How did Jesus plant faith in his disciples? What must disciples seek instead of material things? Why? (27-31; Mt 6:33)
4. Read verses 31-34. How does the reward of the Father contrast with the rewards the world offers? How can we be rich toward God? (21; 32-34) How can we overcome fear about future security?