



"Every Dollar has a Dream"

GROWTH GUIDE
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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

I. SCRIPTURE: LUKE 12:29-34

AUTHOR

Luke, a Greek, Gentile Christian, and physician, wrote his gospel around A.D. 60, from Rome or possibly Caesarea. He also wrote Acts, which is a sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Luke was a close friend and companion of the apostle Paul and wrote to Theophilus, which means one who loves God. Luke focuses on Jesus' relationships with people. His purpose in writing was to present an accurate account of the life of Jesus and to present Jesus as the perfect human and Savior.

CONTEXT

A huge crowd has gathered to hear Jesus speak. In this scripture passage, he talks about worry.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Luke 12:29-34. What does Jesus say we should not be concerned about?
2. Instead, what does Jesus say to seek after?
3. Is Jesus the Lord and King of your life? Does Jesus control your work, plans, relationships? Are you holding back any part of your life from God's control?
4. What does Jesus say about our possessions? Does your money free you to help others?
5. The Life Application Bible says, "If your financial goals and possessions hinder you from generously, loving others, or serving God, sell what you must to bring your life into line with his purposes." Does this challenge you?
6. Where do you put your time, money, and energy?

II. SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 22:35-40

AUTHOR

Matthew (Levi), a Jewish tax collector, became one of Jesus' disciples. Matthew wrote especially to the Jews and the purpose of this gospel was to present clear evidence that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior. It was written approximately A.D. 60-65

CONTEXT

Jesus is being questioned by Pharisees – religious leaders.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 22:35-40. The Pharisees had over 600 laws. What was the question the Pharisee asked Jesus?
2. To answer, Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. Read these verses. What does Deuteronomy say about loving God? What does Leviticus 19:18 say about how we should love our neighbor?
3. What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment?
4. What did Jesus say was the 2nd greatest commandment?