

Devotional Guide

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Living Aligned

Greed loses its pull and worry loses its grip when God’s kingdom project becomes your priority.

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The message explores how “stuff matters” too much in our world, fueling greed that shrinks life to possessions and worry that exposes misplaced trust. Jesus steps into an inheritance dispute and tells the parable of the rich fool to show the emptiness of chasing more. He then invites us to stop being anxious like the nations and instead seek God’s kingdom first — His rule of love, generosity, and peace breaking into our daily lives. Your heavenly Father knows you, cares for you, and generously provides. This truth challenges us to name our worries, build kingdom-first habits, and live open-handed.

How to Use This Guide:

Set aside 10-15 minutes daily. Read the Bible, reflect on the thought, answer questions, pray, and take the action step. Commit to this for growth—journal insights and share with a friend for accountability.

Day 1: When Stuff Matters Too Much

Bible Reading: Luke 12:13-15

Devotional Thought:

The sermon opened with a “Grab and Go” story after a grandmother’s death — a cousin took antiques, stirring anger over injustice. Pastor’s mom let it go, but the story reveals how deeply stuff matters to us.

We ache over bigger homes, better jobs, and fret about bills or retirement. Jesus faced a similar family fight over inheritance and refused to settle it. Instead, He warned, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.”

Stuff can control us, strain relationships, and even turn our anger toward God. Yet the big idea offers hope: Greed loses its pull and worry loses its grip when God’s kingdom project becomes your priority. Small compromises with “more” invite emptiness — but Jesus offers a better way.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Luke 12:13-15 reveal about how greed starts?
2. Where have you seen “stuff” cause tension in relationships?
3. How does the “Grab and Go” story connect to your own heart?
4. What personal area feels controlled by the desire for more?
5. How does the big idea encourage you here?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, forgive where stuff has mattered too much. Reveal areas where greed has a grip. Thank You for Jesus’ better way. Help me guard my heart. Amen.

Action Step:

Name one possession or desire that feels too important — write it down and pray over it today.

Day 2: Greed Shrinks Life to Possessions

Bible Reading: Luke 12:16-21

Devotional Thought:

Jesus told the parable of the rich man whose land produced a great harvest. Instead of thanking God, the man planned bigger barns to store everything for an easy life: “Eat, drink, have a good time!” God called him a fool because that very night his life was demanded.

The sermon showed how greed distorts priorities and becomes idolatry — practical atheism, living as if God doesn’t exist. Death reveals the poverty of chasing earthly treasure. The rich fool trusted stuff for security, but it couldn’t save him.

The big idea reminds us: Greed loses its pull when God’s kingdom project becomes your priority. In daily life, this looks like refusing to let possessions define success. Jesus invites us to be rich toward God instead.

Reflection Questions:

1. What stands out about the rich man’s plan?
2. Why was he called a fool?
3. How does greed show up in modern life?
4. Where have you trusted “stuff” for security?
5. How does the big idea shift your view of success?

Prayer Prompt: Father, expose any greed in my heart. Forgive me for building bigger barns. Make me rich toward You. Amen.

Action Step: List three things you’re grateful for that have nothing to do with possessions — thank God for each one.

Day 3: Worry Exposes Misplaced Trust

Bible Reading: Luke 12:22-26

Devotional Thought:

Jesus turned to His disciples and said, “Don’t be anxious about your life — what you should eat; or about your body — what you should wear.” Life is more than food and the body more than clothes. The sermon used the ravens to show God provides without barns.

Worry wastes energy on what we cannot control. Anxiety can’t add even one hour to our lives. In our culture of plenty, worry still floods hearts because we trust ourselves instead of the Father.

The big idea is freeing: Worry loses its grip when God’s kingdom project becomes your priority. Recognize worry as a signal to realign trust. Jesus invites us to live differently from the world.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Jesus say life is more than?
2. How do the ravens teach us about provision?
3. When has worry stolen your peace?
4. What can’t anxiety actually change?
5. How does the big idea offer freedom today?

Prayer Prompt: Jesus, I bring my worries to You. Forgive misplaced trust. Help me live un-anxious in Your care. Amen.

Action Step: Write down one worry and cross it out while praying Luke 12:31.

Day 4: God's Kingdom Project

Bible Reading: Luke 12:27-31; Matthew 6:33

Devotional Thought:

Jesus pointed to the lilies — dressed better than Solomon — and said God clothes the grass, so how much more will He clothe you? “Seek his kingdom,” He commanded, “and these things will be given to you as well.”

The sermon explained God's kingdom as His sphere of rule bringing justice, generosity, and love into our world. It confronts greed and anxiety head-on.

Making the kingdom your priority means choosing God's values over the world's chase. The big idea transforms daily decisions: Greed loses its pull and worry loses its grip when God's kingdom project becomes your priority. Start small — one kingdom-first choice changes everything.

Reflection Questions:

1. What do the lilies reveal about God?
2. What is God's kingdom project?
3. How does Matthew 6:33 re-order priorities?
4. Where can you seek the kingdom this week?
5. How does this truth confront your daily choices?

Prayer Prompt: King Jesus, I choose Your kingdom first. Bring Your values into my life. Provide as You promised. Amen.

Action Step: Do one act of generosity today that reflects kingdom values.

Day 5: Your Father Provides

Bible Reading: Luke 12:29-31

Devotional Thought:

Jesus said the nations chase all that stuff, but “your Father knows you need it.” The sermon highlighted three truths: Your Father knows you, cares about you, and generously provides.

When the Creator calls you His child, you have every reason to trust Him. Worry fades when we remember who our Father is.

The big idea brings rest: Greed loses its pull and worry loses its grip when God’s kingdom project becomes your priority.

In real life this means handing anxieties to the One who already knows. Celebrate — you are not forgotten.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Jesus say your Father knows?
2. How does knowing you are God’s child change worry?
3. Where do you need provision right now?
4. What emotions arise thinking of God as Father?
5. How will the big idea shape your trust?

Prayer Prompt: Loving Father, thank You that You know and care. I trust Your provision. Amen.

Action Step: Tell someone today one way God has provided for you.

Day 6: Living Aligned This Week

Bible Reading: Luke 12:31; Colossians 3:1-2

Devotional Thought:

Review the week: From stuff that matters too much to the freedom of kingdom priorities. Jesus calls us to live aligned — greed and worry lose power when God rules our hearts.

The sermon ended with three practical steps:

- Bring one worry to Jesus,
- Start each day with the Father
- Give something away.

God's kingdom is actively transforming lives through Jesus. The big idea is your new normal: Greed loses its pull and worry loses its grip when God's kingdom project becomes your priority.

Keep seeking first the King — He provides everything else. Share this hope with someone this week.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Luke 12:31 promise?
2. How has this guide changed your view of worry and greed?
3. Share your biggest insight from the week.
4. Where will you live more aligned this week?
5. How will you celebrate God's provision today?

Prayer Prompt: Faithful Father, thank You for rescue from greed and worry. Help me live aligned in Your kingdom. Use me to share Your hope. Amen.

Action Step: Review your notes from the week and pick one step to continue daily. Tell one person about Jesus' better way.



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