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"HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STEWARD FOR GOD" Gary Groves Sunday, November 13, 2022

Luke 12:15–21 (NIV): Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself? "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

THE FOUR TRAPS TO AVOID IN BECOMING A SUCCESSFUL STEWARD FOR GOD

Trap #1: Believing success is due to MY OWN EFFORTS.

Luke 12: 16-17 (NIV): "... The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

Psalm 14:1 (NIV): "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good."

TRAP #2: Believing making a living is MAKING A LIFE.

Luke 12:15 (NIV): "... Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Luke 12:23 (NIV): "For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes."

Luke 12:22 (NIV): ²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear."

TRAP #3: Believing joy comes in self-abundance instead of

KINGDOM INVESTMENT.

Luke 12:17-18 (NIV): "He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.'"

Luke 12:34 (NIV): "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

TRAP #4: Forgetting <u>ALL EARTHLY WEALTH IS TEMPORARY</u>.

Luke 12:19 (NIV): And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

Luke 12:20-21 (NIV): "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

BEING WEALTHY TOWARDS GOD MEANS...

- 1. <u>RECOGNIZING GOD IS THE SOURCE</u> of all of my income.
- 2. THANKING GOD FOR EVERYTHING He has blessed me with.
- 3. <u>USING WHAT HE HAS GIVEN ME</u> according to His Will.
- 4. **GENEROUSLY SHARING** what God has provided me with others.
- 5. <u>INVESTING FOR ETERNITY</u> what God has entrusted to me.