

# Business Directory

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for December 2 Golden Text—A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Luke 12:15

The Lesson as a Whole The principle laid down for the Christian's guidance in Romans 8:4 is of all-importance as we consider what God expects of believers now, in the light of both the Old and New Testament Scriptures on which the present lesson is based. We are told "that the righteousness (or righteous requirement) of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Of old, God gave His earthly people a code of laws, designed to keep them in the paths of uprightness and integrity. The Christian is not under law, but under grace. This, however, does not mean that he is to be lawless and free to use his liberty as an "occasion to the flesh" (Gal. 5:12). It is the very opposite. He is freed from sin's dominion in order that he may serve the Lord Jesus, who has redeemed him, in happy, joyous subjection to the Word of God. "He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous" (1 John 3:7). Consequently, the Christian is called to live unselfishly, seeking the good of his fellow men and not putting his own interests first (Rom. 13:8, Gal. 6:10). Everything we possess has been entrusted to us by God in order

that we may use it for His glory. It is He who "giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Tim. 6:17), and we are therefore right in using a part of His bounty for our own well-being and legitimate pleasure, but we are to count it both our privilege and our responsibility to share what we can with others, that they too, may recognize God's goodness as seen in our benevolence and practical consideration of the needs and the rights of others (Phil. 2:4).

Verse by Verse

Deut. 8:17—"My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth." Moses warned Israel not to become complacent and self-satisfied when established in the land of Canaan. They were to be careful not to take to themselves the credit for having obtained so godly a heritage. It was not their own ability that had enabled them to dispossess the ungodly nations of Canaan and to occupy their cities and fields in their stead. In themselves they could never have accomplished this.

Verse 18—"Remember the Lord thy God; it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." They were exhorted never to forget that it was God alone who had subdued their enemies before them and enriched them according to the covenant made in sovereign grace between Himself and Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. So it is with all our temporal mercies. All come from Him, and it is as we realize this that we shall use them aright.

Verse 19—"Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." It was a request on the part of one who felt he was not being treated fairly, for the Lord Jesus Christ to interfere in a family quarrel. The speaker evidently thought his brother would be inclined to heed an admonition from Jesus, so he hoped thereby to obtain a large portion of what he considered his rightful inheritance.

Verse 20—"Who made me a judge or a divider over you?" The Lord Jesus refused to adjudicate in a matter of this kind. He saw into the heart of the complainant and detected the love of gain which was behind the apparently innocent request.

Verse 21—"Beware of covetousness." The law definitely forbids this sin, which is, however, latent in every human heart (Rom. 7:7).

It is a mistake to suppose we can ever be satisfied with earthly treasure. Life does not consist in the accumulation of money or of the things that money can buy.

Verse 22—"The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully." The Lord Jesus told a story to illustrate the folly of trying to satisfy the soul with temporal prosperity or worldly gain. He pictured a man so wealthy that what he might afterward obtain would be a superfluity, yet this man still craved for more!

Verse 23—"I have no room where to bestow my fruits." The thought of sharing his abundance with his less fortunate neighbors never occurred to this man. He was utterly selfish and thought only of personal prosperity.

Verse 24—"I will pull down my barns, and build greater." All his plans were for his own comfort and enjoyment. He considered no expense too great so long as it ministered to the happiness of his own covetous heart.

Verse 25—"Take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Already he visualized his new barns and storehouses filled to overflowing with what he fancied would supply not only his needs, but all his selfish desires for many years to come. He would be independent of God and of surrounding circumstances. Let come what might to others, he

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