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Recap of 10/18/20 message (Joe Ricchuiti – Luke 12:13-21):

1. In the parable of Luke 12:13-21, Jesus warns against greed, covetousness, and materialism. He makes these points:

- Greed causes a distorted perspective on what's important in life. vs. 15
- Greed causes us to place our confidence in the wrong things (our security is in things). vv. 16-17
- Greed causes us to forget God. vs. 16-17
- Greed causes us to forget we are mortal. vs. 20
- Greed cause us to forget why we are here (we become seduced by temporal riches & forget spiritual riches. vs. 21

2. In the words of Paul David Tripp: "It's hard to live with eternity in view...There are moments when we get lost in the middle of God's story...God reminds us that this [life] is not all there is,... Perhaps many of us want material things more than we want redemption. We tend to judge the quality of our lives by the size of the piles of stuff we have acquired...The question is this: 'What set of desires rules my heart?'"

3. Here is a great summary of Jesus' teaching in Luke 12:13-21: "... it is soul-affirming to realize that our rewards and treasures do not exist here on earth. None of what I treasure on earth will make it to heaven. Only the work that I do for the Kingdom will count." (Jim Kraus)

4. What are right attitudes toward money and possessions?

- All is God's, 1 Corinthians 4:7
- God is the source of our wealth/money, Deuteronomy 8:17,18
- We must not love money, Matthew 6:24; 1 timothy 6:10; Hebrews 13:5; Ecclesiastes 5:19
- We must not live for money, Luke 12:15; Matthew 6:19-21
- We must not put our trust in money, Matthew 6:33; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Proverbs ``:28; 27:24
- We must not see, to be rich, 1 timothy 6:6-10; Proverbs 23:4-5
- We must value the things that don't have price tags (worship, relationships, love, wisdom and understanding, good character/reputation, honesty), Proverbs 15:16,17;16:16; 22:1,4; 28:6
- We must live unselfishly, Proverbs 11:24,25; 28:22

### **"The Wheat & the Weeds"**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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