

**GOT PEACE?**  
**“TAKING INVENTORY”**

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“In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.” Proverbs 21:20

“So what is the advantage of wealth, except to watch it run through your fingers.” Ecclesiastes 5:11

**HOW MUCH MONEY IS ENOUGH? Luke 12:13-21**

“Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Vs 13

‘Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Vs 14

“Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Vs 15

**WHAT DO WE HOPE MONEY WILL BRING US? (Review)**

A. SATISFACTION

B. SIGNIFICANCE

Your NET WORTH and SELF WORTH have nothing to do with each other.

C. SECURITY

“Your money can be gone in a flash as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle.” Proverbs 23:5

**The Parable of the Rich Fool.**

“<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ <sup>18</sup>“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” <sup>20</sup>“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?’ <sup>21</sup>“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:16-21

# TIME WITH GOD

**Memory Verse:** "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalms 118:24*

## Monday

Read Leviticus 23:39-41. Do you think people would be surprised to learn that, in this passage and several others like it, God commands his people to set aside specific days for feasting and celebration?

Why do you suppose God needed to command celebration?

What purpose does celebration serve?

What can distract us from celebrating?

*Thank God today with a spirit of celebration for three specific things in your life, and three specific attributes of God.*

## Tuesday

Read Deuteronomy 16:13-15. Although we no longer live under the specific details of the Old Testament ceremonial law, how can we apply the principles of these verses to our lives today, especially in light of the holidays?

Why can it be hard at times to rejoice, as this scripture commands, during the days we set aside for celebration?

How will knowing that celebration is encouraged by God impact your holiday plans this year?

*In prayer today rejoice specifically in three things about your day!*

## Wednesday

Read Nehemiah 8:8-12. Here's the background of these verses: The Bible (specifically, the first five books) had been virtually forgotten by the Israelites for many years. So Nehemiah and the priests hold an assembly where they read and explain the Scriptures, and the first reaction of the people is... despair! Nehemiah has to encourage them to celebrate instead!

Why do you suppose the people despaired at first when they heard Scripture read? Can you relate?

How can we apply the principles of these verses to our lives today?

How can a celebration of God's goodness help to displace sadness?

*Today find three more reasons to rejoice in the Lord! Give Him thanks!*

## Thursday (Happy Thanksgiving)

So far this week we have read several passages where God insists that His people celebrate. How have these passages impacted your understanding of the importance of holidays?

Read Luke 14:12-14. I don't think Jesus means you can never have a banquet with your friends; after all, he had meals (including the Passover) with his friends. But he is speaking of the hospitality and generosity toward the needy we should exude during our celebrations.

*Pray about it: Who can you invite to a "celebration" during this holiday season?*

## Friday

Read Luke 17:11-18. Why do you think only one of the healed lepers gave thanks?

*Let's not be "healed-but-thankless" lepers! As we leave the month of November, make a list of 10 things for which you are thankful, and spend time giving praise to God.*

## Saturday

*Please pray today for all of the people involved with all the events taking place this month: That God would fill them and use them in great ways to reach people for Him!*