



HERE LIES A FOOL

Luke 12:13-21

Luke 12:1-7 (NET Bible)

The Parable of the Rich Landowner

12:13 Then someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” **12:14** But Jesus said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator between you two?” **12:15** Then he said to them, “Watch out and guard yourself from all types of greed, because one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” **12:16** He then told them a parable: “The land of a certain rich man produced an abundant crop, **12:17** so he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’

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12:18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **12:19** And I will say to myself, "You have plenty of goods stored up for many years; relax, eat, drink, celebrate!"' **12:20** But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded back from you, but who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' **12:21** So it is with the one who stores up riches for himself, but is not rich toward God."

TAKE HOME

- 1) Who / What do I trust to carry me in tough times? God or goods?
- 2) Have I taken seriously the teaching to lay up treasures in heaven?
- 3) With enough money I could_____.
- 4) If I won the lottery I would give lots to _____.

Opening Prayer



Announcements



Worship



A SAD TALE OF TOO MUCH (commitment to) STUFF

- **Springs out of a conversation
...this one about dividing inheritance cash.**
- **A good crop has a farmer scrambling to build
enough barns to store his grain.**
- **He's now in the danger zone
...satisfied.**
- **“Oh lucky man”, he tells himself, “Now you have no
worries”. Wrong!**

THE LOVE OF MONEY ...IS THE TAP ROOT OF ALL MANNER OF SIN

- **Elisha's servant picked up leprosy from caressing it.**
- **Ananias and Sapphira were deep sixed for lying about their love for it..**
- **Judas did the unthinkable for a few shekels ...and gutless too!**
- **The Prodigal discovered the hard way ...money isn't what we really want.**



**TOP REASONS FOR
KEEPING A LOOSE
GRIP ON
POSSESSIONS**

- You can't hold onto God and stuff with equal intensity ...something has to give. *Matthew 6:24*

- If you aren't careful you may end up thinking the money is the solution to all of life's difficulties. *Luke 12:19*

- Attachment to possessions runs contrary to a life of sacrifice, generosity and contentment.

TOP REASONS FOR KEEPING A LOOSE GRIP ON POSSESSIONS

- **When you have it all, there is no need for trust, faith, others or God. Is this a good place to be?**

--Matthew 6:32-33

- **Jesus told us to.**

--Matthew 6:19

- **It will let you down.**

--Matthew 6:19ff

TOP REASONS FOR KEEPING A LOOSE GRIP ON POSSESSIONS

- The love of money rots your heart. *1 Timothy 6:9*
- You can't take it with you. *Ecclesiastes 2:18, 19*
- Whatever you worship is your God. *Luke 12:34*



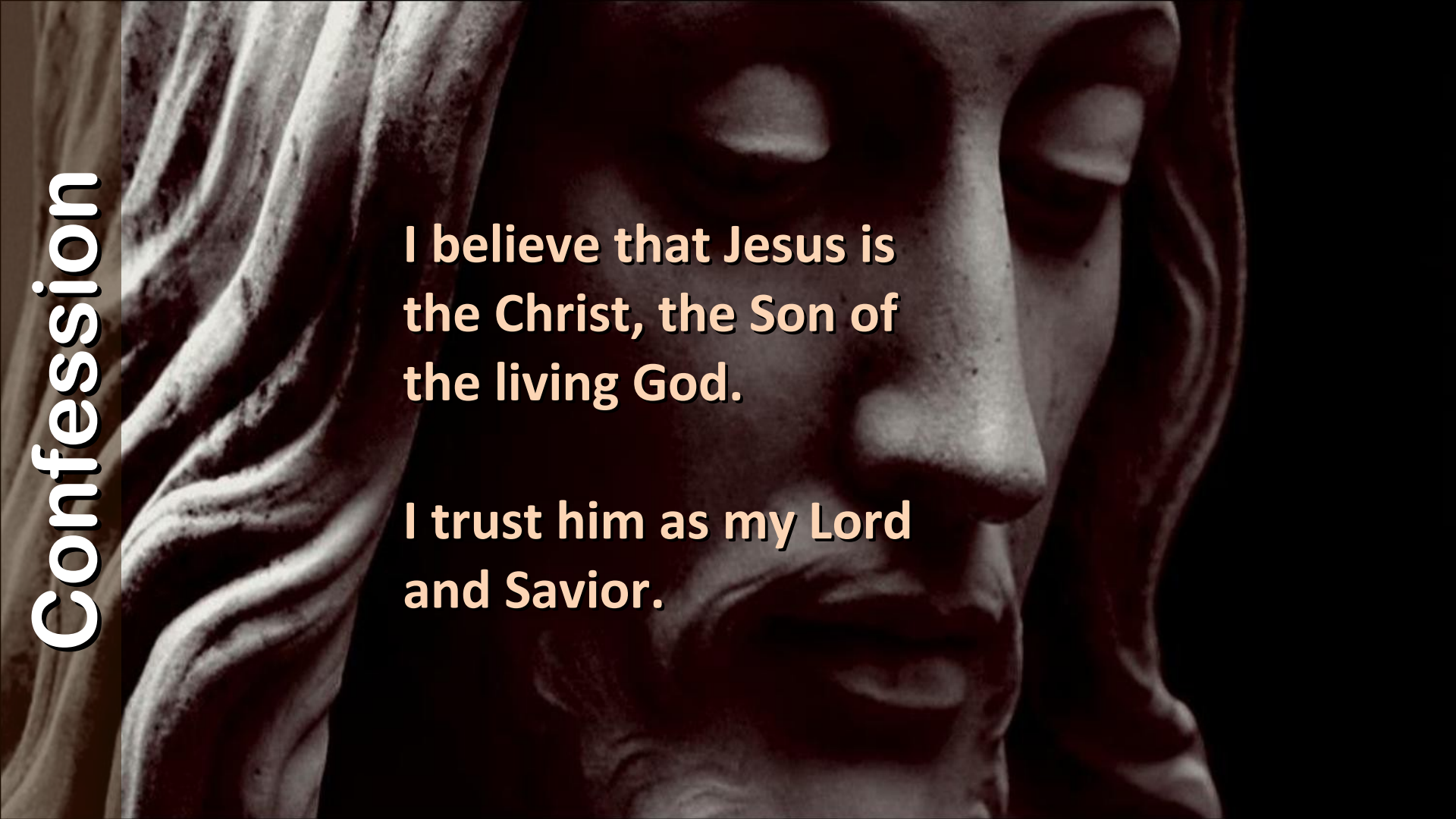
**WHEN THE DUST SETTLES, WHO WILL
HAVE THE LAST WORD ABOUT YOU?**

- **Imagine the rich man's funeral ...testimonials and all.**
- **An amazing entrepreneur, indeed!**
- **What about the angel who erases the fine adjectives and chisels in God's appraisal: Here lies a fool.**

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a large stack of gold coins. The hand is positioned at the bottom left, with fingers curled around the base of the stack. The coins are stacked high, with some showing intricate designs or patterns. The background is a plain, light color, making the gold coins stand out prominently.

**A REVOLUTIONARY
PERSPECTIVE ON CASH AND
GOODS ...GIVE THEM AWAY!**

- To the rich young ruler:
Sell your possessions and give the money to the poor.
- **What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?**



Confession

**I believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of
the living God.**

**I trust him as my Lord
and Savior.**

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**GO AND LET GOD BE
YOUR GREATEST
TREASURE**