



Sermon Notes

How can my life outlast me?

A wise person once said, "If you hate your children and want them to hate each other, then die without a will."

Family Feud - Luke 12:13-14 - ¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

The Dangers of Greed - Luke 12:15 - ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

The Parable of the Rich Fool - Luke 12:16-21 - ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Where do you store your treasures?

Where is Your Treasure? - Matthew 6:19-21 - ¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Treasure for the Future - I Timothy 6:17-19 - ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Blessed to Be a Blessing - Genesis 12:2-3 - ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

What will you do with the blessings you have received?

What kinds of planned gifts could I make to my church?

How would I benefit from making a planned gift?

How would the church benefit from receiving a planned gift?

How can I get more information about planned giving?

To whom do I speak if I would like to make a planned gift?

What lasting legacy will you leave through our church?

Things I would like to remember from today's sermon: _____
