

Divide Inheritance – Luke 12:13-15

Luke 12:13-15 [NIV] *“Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ Jesus replied, ‘Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?’ 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.’”*

In Christ’s day on earth, problems such as these men had were brought to rabbis for them to settle.

Jesus’ response, though not directly to the topic, is not a change of subject.

Rather, Jesus is pointing to a higher issue, a correct attitude towards the accumulation of wealth.

Life is more than material goods.

Far more important is our relationship with our Creator God.

Jesus put His finger on the heart of the question being asked.

Jesus says that the good life has nothing to do with being wealthy, so we need to be on our guard against greed (a desire for what we don’t have.)

This is the exact opposite of what society usually says.

Advertisers spend millions on enticing us to think that if we buy more and more of their products, we will be happier, more fulfilled, more comfortable.

We need to constantly question our response to this constant pressure to buy.

Learn to “*tune out*” expensive enticements and concentrate instead on the truly good life, living in a relationship with our Creator God and seeking to do His work.