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Discover God's Wisdom for Today's Challenges

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Today's Wisdom Thought is:

“ALWAYS TELL YOURSELF THE TRUTH”

Luke 12:13-21 — Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

²⁰ “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?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

The ROOT of GREED is FEAR. When you’re DRIVEN by FEAR, you WILL BE TEMPTED TO LIE to YOURSELF.

GREED’S LIE says ... “IF I CAN GET IT — I WILL CAN IT!”

THE 1ST LIE — “I have no place to store my crops!”

John 10:10 — The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

THE 2ND LIE — “This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.”

Proverbs 27:1 — Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

James 4:13-17 — Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.

THE 3RD LIE — And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”

2 Thessalonians 3:10 — “For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: the one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

Luke 12:20-21 — 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?

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Here’s the TRUTH:

I am part of God’s Chosen people! 1 Peter 2:9

I am the righteousness of God in Christ! 2 Corinthians 5:21

Nothing will separate me from the love of God! Romans 8:21-39