



**BUILDING A SPIRITUAL HOME IN A CONSUMER WORLD:
THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL
LUKE 12:13-21**

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Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. - Psalm 127:1

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

And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." - Luke 12:15

And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' - Luke 12:16-17

And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. - Luke 12:18

And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" - Luke 12:19

But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' - Luke 12:20

So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." - Luke 12:21

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The Connection between Consumerism and Covetousness

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To covet is to want something really bad that you don't have.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate - Genesis 3:6

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What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting... All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." - Mark 7:20-23

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. - Ephesians 5:3

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. - Colossians 3:5

"Consumerism is the idea that increasing the consumption of goods and services purchased in the market is always a desirable goal and that a person's wellbeing and happiness depend fundamentally on obtaining consumer goods and material possessions." - Adam Hayes

Consumerism morphs into covetousness when the stuff we have or want to have becomes the measure of our life.

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The Impact of Consumerism on Our Homes

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Consumerism distorts the relationship between the spiritual and the material in your home

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? - Mark 8:36

Consumerism gives a false measure of your family's success

Consumerism erodes your family's faith

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. - Colossians 1:17

The Big Lie of Consumerism

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Tomorrow will be like today, only more so - Isaiah 56:12 NASB



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Keys to Building a Spiritual Home in a Consumer World

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Skepticism

Don't believe everything you hear

Simplicity

Keep the priorities and rhythms of your family's life as uncluttered as possible

Contentment

Learn to be content in every situation

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content - Philippians 4:11

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