

PROPER 13

YEAR C

Crumbling idols





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Sunday between July 31 and August 6



Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. What is your most treasured possession? Why?
- 2. Jesus warned people about wanting to have more and more things. He said that life is not made up of how much a person has (Luke 12:15). What does faith in Jesus give us that money can't buy?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
M	Colossians 3: 1-11	Living the new life
Т	Ecclesiastes 5:10-20	Worldly riches are meaningless
W	Isaiah 5:8-17	The greedy are doomed
Т	Luke 12:22-31	Trust God, not material things
F	1 Timothy 6:6-11,17-19	Love of money
S	Psalm 107: 1-9	For he satisfies

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.

LUKE 12:15





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Setting aside a portion of your income for church giving reminds us that God is the giver of all we have and puts him ahead of our spending on other things.

Talk together about how you determine your financial giving to the church and why it is important to give in this way.

If household members (including children of all ages) do not give regularly, decide on a practice that may help them to do so. Eg. set aside money on Saturday night for the Sunday morning offering.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Give us grace, O God, to be everthankful for your goodness, and everwilling to help others in need. Amen.



Lord Jesus, help us to focus on the things of heaven, not the things of earth. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Being "rich towards God" (Luke 12:21) means growing in generosity towards those who are in need.

Decide together on a food item or recreational activity (e.g. movie outing) to forgo this week.

Set aside the money saved to donate to a charity organisation.



May Jesus help you to know and follow his ways.