***Don’t Get Fooled by Success***

*Luke 12:13-21*

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**Luke 12:16 (ESV)**And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully,

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**Luke 12:18 (ESV)**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 12:19 (ESV)**And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ’

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**A Family Dispute …**

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**A Faulty Desire …**

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**Exodus 20:17 (ESV)**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.

**Micah 2:2 (ESV)**They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.

**Ephesians 5:5 (ESV)**For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

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

**A Foolish Decision …**

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**A Final Direction …**

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**Luke 12:33 (ESV)**Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

**Luke 12:34 (ESV)**For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.