

Luke 12:16-31

You Can Only Serve One Master

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” Luke 16:13

“You are made in the image of what you desire.” Thomas Merton

A New Foundation

“But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.”
Luke 12:31

Foundation	Creation	Fall	Sin
Happiness	<u>Your true self</u>	Trauma, externally given commitments	<u>Low self-esteem, difficulties</u>
Faith in Jesus	Imago Dei	Trying to be God	Disintegrated life

Foundation	Salvation	Discipleship	Heaven
Happiness	<u>Rediscovering your inner self</u>	Feel good in the moment	<u>Pleasure</u>
Faith in Jesus	Through the death and resurrection of Jesus	Following Jesus	God’s Presence in Full

“Business has conflated pleasure with happiness consciously and with clear-cut intent so you buy junk and engage in hedonic behaviors . . . buying that junk or engaging in those behaviors long-term and without thought can leave you and society fat, sick, stupid, broke, addicted, depressed, and most decidedly, unhappy” (*The Hacking of the American Mind*, p.221-222, Robert Lustig).

Discussion Questions:

- What are some simple pleasures that you find it difficult to go without? (examples: coffee, television, etc.)
- Would you describe yourself as happy? Why or why not?
- What does it look like for you to seek first God’s kingdom with your life? What would you need to sacrifice to do that?

