

"SELL YOUR POSSESSIONS AND GIVE TO THE POOR. PROVIDE PURSES FOR YOURSELVES THAT WILL NOT WEAR OUT, A TREASURE IN HEAVEN THAT WILL NOT BE EXHAUSTED, WHERE NO THIEF COMES NEAR AND NO MOTH DESTROYS. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."

-LUKE 12:33-34



DEVOTION:

The call to follow Jesus means to walk the road of self-sacrifice.

In the gospel of Luke, we see how the love of possessions stands in the way of following Jesus. The people who were invited to the banquet decided not to go, because they had oxen and land to attend to (see Luke 14:18-19). Marginalized people of society took their places (see Luke 14:21). The parable of the rich fool's greed shows how it can cost us our lives (vv. 13-21).

Jesus clearly says that we cannot follow Him if we do not give up all our possessions (v. 33). When we follow Him, we can't take all our possessions along. We travel light. Our wealth is the gospel and the kingdom (v. 33). We will inherit the earth, but we are not interested in the mineral rights because we are aiming for an eternal future.