

# The Most Toys





# “He who dies with the most Toys Wins!”

- Luke 12:15; “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”
- This is not just true for the wealthy, either, though it can often be seen in more obvious ways (Luke 12:16-21).
- Proverbs 30:7-9; “Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is my portion, that I not be full and deny You and say, ‘Who is the Lord?’ Or that I not be in want and steal, and profane the name of my God.”

# The Man Who Had ALL The Toys

- Ecclesiastes 2 should open our eyes to the utter vanity of a life spent amassing "toys".
- "This experiment. . . proves itself a failure: he found a life of pleasure to be a hollow life; that also, viz. devotedness to mirth, was to him manifestly vanity" (Commentary On The Old Testament, Vol. 6, Keil-Delitzsch, 233).
- Take it from Solomon, who was rich enough to know...

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- Alcohol (2:3);
- Monuments and vainglorious construction projects (2:4-6);
- Slaves (2:7-8);
- Romantic escapades (2:8);
- Uninhibited spending (2:9-11);
- A reward which never made him truly happy.



# When Is It Too Much?

"And the people spent all day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers) and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. While the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord struck the people with a very severe plague" (Numbers 11:31-33).

# Applications

- I will be satisfied with my portion, just as the writer of Proverbs says (Proverbs 30:7-9).
- My citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20), and that is where I place my priorities (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- I cannot take anything from this life with me when I die (1 Timothy 6:7-10), so I will not use my wealth for selfishness. While I have opportunity, I will do good unto all people (Galatians 6:10).

- I have been given permission to enjoy my wealth, as long as I keep God in the picture and love Him first and foremost (Ecclesiastes 2:24-26).
- I do not need to "keep up with Jones" family because it is God who blesses me, in His time.
- I will love God with or without wealth.
- I will give to the local congregation out of my poverty, not my excess (Luke 21:1-4).
- I will keep things in perspective and remember that homes, bodies, youth and wealth fade, but faith in God is a precious treasure that will never tarnish (Matthew 6:19-21).

# The Man Who Had No Toys

- According to the bumper sticker, Solomon was the winner. But recall another Man, a Man who did not even have the shirt off His back when He died. Jesus Christ may have had nothing of carnal value, but He is the real winner, and He won a victory for all of us.
- 2 Corinthians 8:9 says, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."



