

# Close Encounters

## The Greedy Brother

Luke 12:13-21

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### I. How much is enough?

#### A. Jesus meets a **greedy** younger brother

1. He wanted **more** than what was **entitled**
2. He asked Jesus to **support** his desire for more
3. Jesus responds with a **story**

##### a. A rich man who gets **more**

- ◆ He made a decision to **hide** and **horde**
- ◆ He made **plans** and **provisions** for this life
- ◆ He failed to make plans and provisions for **eternity**

#### B. Jesus gives a **principle**:

You can be so **preoccupied** with **getting** that you can't **respond** to God's **giving**

##### 1. Why should I give?

#### A. To make deposits in our **heavenly account** Matthew 6:19, Matthew 19:21, Luke 12:33

- ◆ Store up "**treasures in heaven**"  
now and you will receive a **reward** someday

\* Becoming rich towards God requires **making deposits** into our heavenly account now

### II. More common questions about **giving**

#### A. What should I give?

##### 1. The OT principle of the **tithe**

- ◆ A giving **nation**: **Three** tithes a year, **sabbatical** year, a year of **Jubilee**
- ◆ Leviticus 27, Deuteronomy 14, Proverbs 3:9

##### 2. The principle of NT **giving**

Acts 2:42-47, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

#### B. How should I give?

##### 1. Give to a **local church** ~ Acts 4:35

##### 2. Give to **missionaries** ~ Philippians 4:15-16

##### 3. Give to those in **need** in Jesus name ~

Matthew 6:2, Acts 11:29

##### 4. Give in **proportion** to what you have been given ~

I Corinthians 16:2

### The 90 Day Challenge:

1. Settle the **ownership** issue: **Deed** your stuff to God
2. Get a clear **picture** of what you are giving now
3. Ask God to help you **determine** what you should be giving
4. Decide what to do and give **hilariously**