

REPLENISHED – Priority Matters 18th April 2021 Brian Greenaway

This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

Connect:

- 1. How much wealth can you imagine?
- 2. How rich would you like to be? (We've all thought about it)
- 3. The Bible says a lot about money, but in no place does it say that there is anything wrong with it. It is the love of money not money that is the root of all evil.
- 4. Read <u>1 Timothy 6:10</u> (It is our attitude to money that the Bible is concerned about.)

Engage:

- 5. Read and discuss Luke 12:13-21
- 6. What is the core of this parable?
- 7. Read <u>Psalm 14:1</u>
- The man was not morally bad, or a thief. He had not swindled his way to his wealth; he had worked hard. But he failed to see that he was a steward of all that God had given him. There was no recognition of God as the provider. His trust was in what he had done, and his riches. His confidence was in his abilities. His practical atheism meant that the decisions he made took no account of God and the principles/values of His Kingdom.
- 8. What about you? When it comes to making decisions, are they orientated around His call upon your life?

Framework:

- 9. What does it mean to be 'rich toward God'?
- 10. Read <u>1 Timothy 6:17-19</u>
- The man in the parable was selfishly ambitious ambition is good if it has godly goals. Paul was ambitious to grow the Kingdom of God where possible, however, this man's ambition was about how much he could store up for himself.
- ➤ He was thinking about a future that did not have God in the equation. "In all your ways acknowledge Him", is not only about difficult times but in the good times too.
- 11. Do you care about what others think of you (be honest)?
- 12. Are you a victim of whether you are judges a success or a failure? A winner or a loser?



- 13. Do you care about your "status" and the amount of "status" you have? (It is no coincidence that when we meet people they ask: 'What do you do?')
- 14. Do you appreciate what is important?
- 15. Read <u>1 Timothy 6:10</u>
- We need God to help us balance and a legitimate desire for meeting our needs and the rush to accumulate more stuff.
- 16. How much do you value family time together, eating together, going out together, building friendships and really valuing conversation?
- 17. What is the purpose of life?
- 18. Read Philippians 1:21
- 19. Read and discuss <u>James 4:13-17</u>
- 20. Read <u>Revelation 3:14-21</u> We often use this scripture about Jesus knocking at the door as an evangelistic text but it is written to the church, to believers who have shut God out.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, help me to always acknowledge You in all areas of my life. In Jesus Name Amen.