

# HABITS

FOR THE WEARY SOUL



**Simplicity**

Simplicity: being content with what you DON'T have and being grateful for what you DO have.

**13** Someone in the crowd said to him,  
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the  
inheritance with me.” **14** Jesus replied,  
“Man, who appointed me a judge or an  
arbiter between you?”

**Luke 12:13-14 (NIV)**

Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

Luke 12:15 (NIV)

**greed [covet]: a desire to have more**

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**<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.**

**Luke 12:16 (NIV)**



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The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Matthew 13:22

**“There are two ways to get enough:  
one is to continue to accumulate more  
and more. The other is to desire less.”**

**G.K. Chesterton**

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<sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

Luke 12:19 (NIV)



**Simplicity is the outcome of**

1. uprooting greed

2. cultivating generosity

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

Luke 12:20 (NIV)

**21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”**

**Luke 12:21 (NIV)**

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