

## **Memorize & Ponder**

**July 31, 2016**

**Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 12:15**

**(Full Reading – Luke 12:13-21)**

**Week of July 24-31, 2016**

### **The Money Sermon**

#### **Luke 12:15 (NRSV)**

And he said to them, “Take care!  
Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;  
for your life does not consist  
in the abundance of possessions.”

*Throughout the Christian year of 2016, until Advent, we will be focusing on the theme of ‘Following Jesus in a Fearful and Divided World.’ Our Scripture readings and Memorize & Ponder texts will be taken from the Gospels of Luke and John. We invite you to **listen** for what the Spirit is saying in the text, then **question** how those insights might change the ways you see things and act in the world. Share your thoughts during the week on the meaning the Spirit creates for you in this text by posting a comment on our website – [www.brentwoodpc.ca](http://www.brentwoodpc.ca).*

## **Ponderings for the Friends of Jesus**

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... (Hebrews 10:23-25a)*

### **A Word for the Friends of Jesus to Ponder = Greed**

Most ministers I know avoid talking publically  
with their congregations about money.  
We may make private requests  
for this amount or that amount  
for this project or that.  
But seldom does it get preached about.

Jesus warned against greed,  
against hoarding the talents/resources  
God has given to you for the blessing of creation.  
He counsels generosity so the world can flourish.

There are lots of requests out there  
pleading for your generosity for their causes.  
Let me add the name of this congregation to that list.  
And not just for reasonable increases in weekly giving,  
but for legacy gifts, either now or in your wills,  
so that we can build up our endowment fund  
so the things we do to nourish souls to flourish  
can expand in a sustainable way.

### **Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week**

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