**The Extra**

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**Three Laws of Balance:**

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#2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 12:13-34 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

14Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” 15Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

20“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?’

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

22Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. … 31But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

33“Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**3 Basic Assumptions ABOUT LIFE & ETERNITY**

1) This life is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but you were made for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 144:3-4** Lord, what are human beings that you care for them, mere mortals that you think of them? They are like a breath; their days are like a fleeting shadow.

2) What you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this life determines \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you will spend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**2Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive what is due them for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this life gains an abundance in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE:**

**As I view my wealth through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it loses it’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on me and I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on it.**

Command [those who are rich in this present world] to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and ready to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age …

— Paul the Apostle (1Timothy 6:18-19)