

# THE THINGS THAT OWN US

## MAIN TAKEAWAY

Fear, money, and presumption about tomorrow can own us and distract us from what matters most—our families, productivity, health, and ultimately, our relationship with God. We should fear the One who sets us free, seek the Kingdom of God, and live like the Master is coming back.

## INTRODUCTION

**Have you ever paid for a subscription you didn't know about? How did this happen?**

**In what ways do we have “invisible spiritual subscriptions”—things that slowly tax us without noticing? What are some examples of “subscriptions of the soul” that may own us?**

## UNDERSTANDING

**READ LUKE 12:1-40**

***Fear can own us (v.1-7).* Who or what did the Pharisees and the crowds fear? Who should followers of Jesus fear, and why?**

**Pastor Jonathan said, “A little hypocrisy does a lot of damage. If you tolerate it in one area, it will affect every area of your spiritual life.” How did the Pharisees rule with fear, and how did this affect them spiritually?**

***Mammon can own us (v.13-34).* What is mammon? Why can't you serve both God and mammon (Matthew 6:24)?**

**How can someone tell where their treasure is? How do generosity and stewardship impact the affections of the heart and guard against compromise?**

***Tomorrow can own us* (v.35-40). Why is “later” one of the most spiritually dangerous words? In contrast, how should Christians live in the moment?**

**Why should being ready for the Master’s return produce *clarity* instead of *anxiety*? How might this reveal what owns you?**

## **APPLICATION**

**Pastor Jonathan explained, “Your fear of the *eternal* reality should far exceed your fear of this *temporal* reality.”**

**Jesus Christ is a Master you serve and a Lord you submit to. How does knowing Jesus change the way you relate to money? How does knowing God as the ultimate provider bless you with things that no amount of money could buy?**

**Why is the presumption of tomorrow one of the most “invisible subscriptions” we can pay for? Is there anything you have been putting off that you need to focus on now?**

**In reflection of this message, how might you answer this question any differently: “What owns you?”**

## **PRAYER**

Give thanks that God is your Shepherd, Father, and King. Pray for His Kingdom to come in your life, that His rule and reign would own you instead of fear, money, or the presumption of tomorrow.