

# Fear of Loss

Luke 12:16-34

The story of man's provision: Luke 12:16-21

We succeed. We build our portfolio. We find our security. We fail.

Nothing wrong with building security or even wealth.

What is your motivation?

We like control. We like stability. We want to be able depend on things and have them go our way.

But what happens when things don't go our way? What happens when we don't have control? What happens when we lose?

There are many things that we can fear to lose:

Security, relationships, time, health, influence, support, control, happiness, peace.

Although we may not admit to it maybe we believe that "There's no fate but what we make for ourselves" I did it my way.

We want things to go our way and some will go to great lengths to make that happen.

We may so want to believe in something that really isn't true. We make take sides in a war that is of our own making. We may compromise our values for some sort of false unity. We create our own god instead of following the One we already have.

"A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it." -Jean de La Fontaine

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars / But in ourselves, that we are underlings." (Julius Caesar)

Fanaticism consists of redoubling your effort when you have forgotten your aim. -George Santayana

James 4:1-10 Products of desire. Actions of success.

John 14:27 Peace be with you

God doesn't need our plans. He doesn't want us to "save" Him. He wants us to follow Him and to be something better than we are. (Rom 6:1-14)

He will take care of us. Luke 12:22-34

This doesn't meant that things will go great for you. John 16:31-33 It just means that you are not alone and don't need to compromise to survive. You don't need to desperately cling to your own plans. You don't need to fear loss.

You be you, but be the best you you can be. You can only be the best you by following God's design for your life. He made you and wants the best for you. He's promised to give you the best. You just have to trust Him and seek Him.