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“Attachment to wealth is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating the hospitality of God.” We should not be too attached to our wealth, to our things. “I don’t have any money. I don’t have many things,” we say to ourselves. But we can still covet wealth and things, and that is the same thing as having them and being too attached to them.

The attitude being taught to us here is that we should put God first in our lives and then let everything else fall into place.

This teaching makes good sense because God is ultimately in charge of our lives. We cannot promise ourselves our next breath. If it comes, it is a gift from God to us. So it makes sense for us to let God be God in our lives.

People who plan their lives as if they are fully in control of them are living on a false premise. The man in the Lord’s story who built bigger barns for his wealth operated on that false premise. He didn’t recognize the fact that he could die at any moment.

So we should sit loose in the saddle of life. Yes, we should pour ourselves out to do what is good and loving in life. But we shouldn’t think that we are ultimately in charge. We are not. We are at God’s disposal.

If we live as we should live, then we live trusting in a God who we believe to be a loving Father who wants what is best for us, His children. Therefore, we put ourselves in his hands at every moment of our lives.