

"Gift" Luke 12:31-34 Part 1

Luke 12:31-34 (Holman)

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Intro

Toni: Good morning. Good morning. Tis the season.

Mark: It is the season and we're past Thanksgiving. That was easy.

Toni: [Laughing]...Okay.

Mark: Yeah, you did a beautiful job, and we had a great time with a lot of family and, we have waves and waves of the family over the next few weeks. So...

Toni: We do, and I'm looking forward to all of them.

Mark: Yeah, well that's great. And you always do a beautiful job. And, and you were thinking about the season, I think this morning when we were talking about what subject to take on, and we arrived at the topic of delight and I don't know how many we'll do on this, but we're gonna leave peace behind, which was...

Toni: (Laughing...) - how appropriate.

Mark: ... a beautiful topic.

Toni: It was a beautiful topic, and something that should have been focused on, and should still be focused on, in this holiday season.

Mark: The scripture that we landed on you, you found this as we were looking... this is one about the Father's delight - which is really cool. "Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights to give you the kingdom." What a cool declaration from our Master - "Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights to give you the kingdom". If you'll do me the honor of tearing that apart, word by word, and let's see in context what this says to us.

Toni: I will be happy to, but I just have to say this first. When I was reading all the verses I could find with the word "delight" in it, and when I came across this one, I just felt like, "Okay, God, that's my Christmas present." I just *love* this. I'm going to hang on to it the

whole season, and hopefully have the chance to share it with all our friends and family. It is just so beautiful. So, I'm so excited to tear it apart.

Mark: What a Christmas gift.

Toni: Yeah. What a Christmas present..

Mark: - your Father *delights* to...

Toni: - to give it to me.

Mark: - to gift you something - His kingdom! That's great. Great Christmas verse.

Toni: Yeah. So this is in context in Luke 12 of talking about how we need not to worry for our possessions, or any of our worldly needs. And, we're so familiar with this... how God clothes the grass, which is in the field, and thrown in the furnace tomorrow, and how much more He is willing to do for us - that we need not keep striving about what we eat or drink, that we don't need to be anxious, because our Father knows what we need.

Toni: And in that context, it leads up to verse 31. I'm going to start there, "But seek His kingdom, and these things will be provided for you. Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Make money bags for yourselves that won't grow old, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven where no thief comes near, and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Mark: You took that through Luke 12:34...

Toni: I did, yes. So starting with v31, this says **plén** [[Strong's 4133](#)]... "from". "Seek", and this is **zētéo** [[Strong's 2122](#)], which is to "seek in order to find, to demand, to crave something", so, moreover, seek, crave, demand... His kingdom. Kingdom, **basileía**, [[Strong's 932](#)], and it means "a dominion over which there is a royal power, a territory subject to the rule of a King." Demand and crave the Lord's kingdom, His dominion.

Toni: Indeed, these things will be provided - and that's very interesting. "Things will be provided", four words in this Holman translation, is actually one word in the Greek. And the word is **prostíthēmi** [[Strong's 4369](#)] - and it means "to put to, to add." So, "Indeed, this will be added to you." Crave and demand His kingdom, because indeed this will be added to you.

Mark: He's pointing back to the many things that He's been referencing in the lead-up to this, and that's our provision....

Toni: You're exactly right. He's saying you don't have to go after what you eat and drink and wear - I take care of the birds in the grass, I'm going to take care of you. But what you need to crave and demand is *His kingdom*. Those are the things that we can't necessarily

touch. The things that can't be taken away. The things that neither a moth can destroy, nor a thief can rob. So not the worldly things, but the things of God's Holy kingdom.

Toni: Don't be afraid, little flock because your Father delights to give you the kingdom. This is verse 32. Don't, is **mé** [Strong's 3361], and it's actually "lest", be afraid - **phobéō** [Strong's 5399] - which from which the word phobia comes. So, to put to flight, to terrify, to scare away. So, he's saying, "Lest you run away - no running away here. No, no being afraid or being terrified..."

Toni: And, this "little flock" is **mikrós** [Strong's 4369] – “small, little”. I'm sure we take the word micro from that. Flock, which would normally be “sheep”. So don't be afraid, little flock, because - **hóti** [Strong's 3754] – “because”, your Father - and that's very straightforward – “delights” - so, here's the word that brought us here, and it is **eudokéō** [Strong's 2106]. This is what it means - "It seems good to one. It's one's good pleasure to choose it, to determine, to do it willingly, to be ready, to prefer it, and to be favorably inclined toward it." So, this is saying because your Father is favorably inclined to give -

Mark: Even prefers it -

Toni: - *Prefers* to give, you're exactly right. **Dídōmi** [Strong's 1325] - we've come to this word many times - "to give something to someone of one's own accord, to grant someone something because you want to, not because you're forced to or not, because you're obligated to, but because you want to give." Your Father prefers to give you the kingdom, which, again, remember that's His Royal power and dominion. Don't be, don't be terrified. Don't run away. And He uses this endearing term "little flock", which, if you think about the connotation here... a flock always has a shepherd. A flock is taken care of. A flock is within the care. So, "Don't run away. Don't be terrified, because as a member of My group that I cared for, your Father takes preferred pleasure... inclination, to give you of his own accord, to grant you, His royal power and dominion.