

## Dying from Affluenza (Matthew 6:24-34 & Luke 12:13-21)

Introduction: The old Humphrey Bogard movie: *Key Largo*...

- I. "I WANT MORE!" .... THE STORY OF LIFE IN NORTH AMERICA
  - A. Let's talk about house sizes & prices...
  - B. Let's talk about a relatively new business: *self-storage units*...
  - C. Let's talk about population, consumption, & pollution...
  - D. How about one sad example: the life of music star *Michael Jackson*...
  
- II. WE ARE DYING FROM **AFFLUENZA** (NOT INFLUENZA)
  - A. Did you "get the flu" this winter? (Beverly & I had it 3 times)
  - B. More serious than influenza is **affluenza**
  - C. Note an important book – *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity* (Adam Hamilton)
  - D. Money & things are not bad, but what we turn them into is bad.
  - E. Note - today's Gospel reading: Matthew 6:24 & 33
  
- III. LET'S SEE WHAT JESUS HAS TO SAY ABOUT **AFFLUENZA** IN LUKE 12:13-21
  - A. Here we find the parable of the "rich fool"...
  - B. Note Jesus' clear & painful comments in 12:15 & 20-21

- C. Note the great news about true riches in 2 Corinthians 8:9
- D. Have you ever really stopped to consider how rich you really are?

Conclusion: The story of the hymn – "*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*"  
[Hymnal #427]

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