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The Spirit of the Age.
Commercialism.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 12:13

Introduction: Every day & age is characterized by some particular attitude, spirit & achievement.

The spirit of this age.

1. Based on past del. of skepticism
2. Skepticism taught that this life is all there is to live for
3. This is in fact the attitude of most of us today. There are things which are better than gold

II This attitude has necessarily changed our attitude towards "sin"

1. There is today a light and flippant attitude toward sin.
2. men have lost the sense of sin
3. things which were once regarded as sinful & wrong are now allowed and indulged in without a feeling of guilt
4. attitude of prisoners in jail & workhouse

III. Our standards & ideals of life are colored by this spirit of selfishness.

1. The greatest thing in life is to be something.
2. most people seem to think that the greatest thing is to get something
3. We measure success in life in terms of pleasure and money.
4. The standards of right & honesty are discarded for how much is in it, or how much is it worth.
5. Touch on labor questions.

IV. The effects of this spirit are not only to be seen in the world about us but even in the homes of Christian people.

1. Our homes.
 1. standing theme of conversation - how to make more money

2. Lack of piety & reverence, too often
God & His work are very seldom thought
and spoken of. Many of our homes are
without worship.

3. Does this explain why so few young
people today turn their faces toward
Christian service?

V. Has affected the Church.

1. The charge has often been made
that the church has lost her power
through her worldliness.

2. In many instances it has (locally)
even by its members become to be
looked upon as a club or society or
club.

3. Have our spiritual fires
gone out? I fear they have. The
spiritual mercury stands at freezing
point in many of our churches. There
is no holy fire burning in the furnace
of our souls, no warmth around the
temple of God, the cry of the lost
is not heard; there is no burden
for the lost, no yearning over those
sinning, no compassion for a
redeeming Saviour, no heart beating
after God.

Brilliant young woman, said, "I go
to God's house & find no God. I hear
His musical voice in sermon & song.
His grief is not in the heart of fellowship.
I hear not yearning for lost in their
words nor see it in faces of God's people.
There is no God in temple where any
people worship."

Dear friends,