

August 3 Devotional

Luke 12:13-21

1. In verse 13, someone in the crowd says to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." How does Jesus respond, and what larger principle does His response introduce?
2. Jesus warns in verse 15, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." What is the central danger Jesus is highlighting here regarding possessions? How might we guard against this danger in our lives?
3. In the parable, the rich man thinks to himself in verse 17, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" What does this initial thought reveal about his focus? How might we be like the rich man? What might this be teaching us?
4. The rich man's plan, detailed in verse 18, is to "pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods." What does this action demonstrate about his priorities and future outlook? What is he seeking? What do you think he should be seeking?
5. In verse 19, the rich man says to himself, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." How might this statement relate to how we think about our life and our salvation? What focus does God want us to have?
6. How does God address the rich man in verse 20, saying, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" What point is God telling the rich man? What is the rich man's goals? What is God trying to show us?
7. The phrase "This night your soul is required of you" (v. 20) powerfully illustrates what ultimate truth about human life and material possessions? How long do your possessions last?
8. According to verse 21, Jesus concludes the parable by saying, "So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." Who is the treasure for? If you treasure is for yourself were do you think your heart will be? What if your treasure is with God?
9. What does this parable teach us about the true value of earthly possessions versus spiritual wealth? Where should a Christian's focus be? How can we focus more on God in our time, labor, and possessions?
10. How does the parable's ending challenge our modern perspectives on financial planning, retirement, and the accumulation of wealth?