



“Parable of The Rich Fool”

Luke 12:13-21

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Essential Life Lessons...

1. _____ is just _____ and it will never be enough. (v. 13-15)

- **v. 13-14** = The context: Instead of getting involved in a family dispute, Jesus took the opportunity to teach some essential life lessons about _____ and true riches.
- **v. 15** = “covetousness” = “greed” = Always wanting _____.
 - o Exodus 20:17; Colossians 3:5
- Greed is the opposite of _____.
 - o Greedy people want more stuff; Godly people want more of God.
 - o Greedy people live for now; Godly people live for eternity.
- **Anyone have stuff?** Stuff is _____, but what people do with their stuff reveals their heart. (Luke 12:34)
- The problem with wanting more stuff is, it is never _____.
 - o Examples of Achan (Joshua 7:21) and Judas (John 12:6)
 - o Colossians 3:2-3

Apply: Are you covetous or greedy? What is your focus?

Challenge: Start downsizing by giving one item away this week.

2. Life without God is _____ and _____. (v. 16-20)

- **v. 16** = He was a rich man; a successful farmer; with a bumper crop.
- **v. 17-18** = He took an inventory and decided to expand.
- **v. 19** = He thought he had arrived and took life easy.
- **v. 20** = But what did God call him? _____!

- **What is a fool?** (“empty headed, lacking sense, void of truth and God”)
 - o A fool is someone who works at being _____ in this life with no regard for the next. (1 Timothy 6:6-10)
 - o A fool is someone who is _____ - _____ and not God-centered. (Philippians 2:3-4)
 - o A fool is someone who lives life _____. (Psalm 14:1)
- _____ is the opposite of foolishness.
 - o (Psalm 90:10,12; James 4:14; Mark 8:36-37)

“He is no fool to give what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot

Apply: Are you playing the fool?
What are you investing your life in?

3. Pursue true riches, not _____. (v. 21)

- What was the rich fool’s problem?
- What is Fool’s Gold?
- The crucial issue in life is not the amount of our treasure, but the _____ of it. (Matthew 6:19-21,24,33)

Investment strategies for becoming rich toward God:

- 1. Spend _____ with God.
 - o Don’t fall for the fool’s gold of spending time with everyone else, but not God.
- 2. Love others well.
 - o Don’t fall for the fool’s gold of loving yourself instead of others.
- 3. Be _____.
 - o Don’t fall for the fool’s gold of getting instead of giving.

Apply: Are you rich toward God?
Are you sending your treasure ahead to eternity?

Next Steps?