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— the PARABLES of JESUS —

“The Parable of the Rich Fool”

Getting Started

Have you even been involved in, or witnessed an inheritance fight?

What was it like?

What does it mean to be rich in our culture?

Feeling rich doesn't come natural. When we hear the word “rich”, I think it's human nature to not apply it to ourselves, but to those richer than we are. This keeps us from taking seriously such warnings as in this parable. Please be open minded as you move through these questions.

Going Deeper

Was there anything about this Sundays message that grabbed your attention, or that made you think further about it? Share with others in the group.

Read [Luke 12:13-21](#).

Why do you think Jesus chose not to get involved?

If “life doesn't consist in an abundance of possessions,” what does it consist of? And why do you think we quarrel (with our own families) over such possessions?

Read [Luke 12:16-19](#)

- What do you think was the progression of thought for this rich man that led him from receiving much more than he needed to deciding to keep it all for himself?
- Do you think he was intentionally greedy and ungenerous?
- How much should have been enough for him?
- How much is enough for you? Or how much is too much?

Possessions, pleasures and sensations of all kinds have a law of diminishing returns. (Too much good food, a vacation that lasts too long, too many toys etc...)

- Why do you think having more of something makes it lose its value or pleasure?
- What can you do to enjoy what you have more? (eat only until your full, fast from a food or activity for a day, for kids: put out only a few toys at a time and rotate them every couple of weeks)

Read [Luke 12:20-21](#)

What does it mean to be rich toward God?

- What makes this man a fool by God's standards?
- What do you think this passage tells us about savings or retirement?
- What do you think God wanted to do with his excess grain instead?
- How do God's words make you feel? comforted, challenged, motivated, fearful?

Read [Mark 12:30](#)

The heart of this matter was a love problem. The rich man was greedy, and loved himself and things more than God.

What types of things can easily creep in the way of loving God most?

What can you do to keep God your number one priority?

Action Steps

Do you have any items that are "stored in barns" that you could give away this week?

Consider giving away at least one item. (Feel free to give much more)

What can the group do to encourage and hold each other accountable to doing this?

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