

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

Jesus teaches much about money and contentment.

- Often, this teaching has more to do with our hearts than our money.
- Money is neither good nor evil. But, “the love of money is the root of all kinds of evils.” (1 Timothy 6:10)

The Parable of the Rich Fool - Luke 12:13-21

- Jesus reminds the crowd that “the measure of one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.” (Luke 12:15)
- The foolishness of the landowner was in thinking his value rested in what he could accumulate for himself instead of being rich toward God.

What does it look like to be “rich towards God” as Jesus describes in Luke 12:21?

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

1 Timothy 6:6-12

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and[a] we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."