

# The MORAL of the STORY

Exploring the *Parables of Jesus*

## Guard Against Greed Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

**Luke 12:13-21** Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." <sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

## Jesus Says Be On Your Guard Against Two Things HYPOCRISY And GREED.

- **Luke 12:1-2** Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup> There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.
- **Luke 12:15** Then he said to them, Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

## The Issue Isn't Having MATERIAL WEALTH, The Issue Is The HEART.

- **Luke 12:34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- **Ecclesiastes 5:10** Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

## The Issue Isn't What YOU HAVE, It's What HAS YOU.

## The Solution To Greed Is Having A Deep Love For JESUS AND THE GOSPEL.

WHERE ARE YOU STORING YOUR TREASURE?