

#1 Guard Against Greed

Luke 12:13-21

A SELFISH DEMAND

Luke 12:13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

A PUZZLING REFUSAL

Luke 12:14 But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?”

A POIGNANT WARNING

Luke 12:15 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.”

A CONVICTING STORY

Luke 12:16 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?’

Money can make you a fool in God’s eyes.

THE POWERFUL POINT

Luke 12:21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

The Wealthy Farmer’s Foolish and Fatal Mistakes

1. He failed to **ACKNOWLEDGE** God.
2. He treasured **THINGS** more than he treasured God.
3. He thought he was **SOVEREIGN** over his life.
4. He was blind to the **NEEDS** of others.
5. He forgot to consider **ETERNITY**.
6. He **FAILED** to be rich towards God.

HOW CAN WE BE RICH TOWARDS GOD?

1. Don't be that guy!
 2. **REJECT** the lie!
 3. **REPENT** of idolatry, and **RUN** to Christ for ultimate security, salvation, and satisfaction.
 4. In this life, **SAVE AND GIVE**.
- You can outlive your life by outgiving your life.
5. Make **GOD** your Treasure, not Money.