

“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 STERN REBUKE

Luke 2:15 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 2:16 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?’

Blessing: the land of a rich man produced plentifully

Options:

Decision: I will do this... I will store all my grain and my goods

Presumption: And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years...

Surprise: But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you...”

Taunt: ... and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?

THE POWERFUL POINT

Luke 2:21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

Foolish and Fatal Mistakes

- #1 He failed to acknowledge **GOD**
- #2 He treasured other 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 wasn’t “**RICH** toward God”

HOW CAN WE BE RICH TOWARD GOD?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.