

God, A Self-portrait: A Study of the Parables #8
"The Folly of Materialism"

Text: Luke 12:13-21

Big Idea: *The wise man seeks meaning and fulfillment along the God-ordained path.*

- I. *The fool expects to find meaning and fulfillment in the accumulation of things.*
(12:13-20)
- II. *The wise man knows true meaning and fulfillment are not found in things but in a person.*
(12:21)

Conclusion:

How does one become rich toward God?

Two things are essential:

1. Desire to serve God first and foremost.
Matthew 6:24 - "You cannot serve both God and money" (mammon).
2. You must empty yourself of anything that would take the place of God in your life.
Matthew 5:3 - "Blessed are the poverty-stricken of spirit..."

This is the issue: are you in relationship with the God who is through the person of His son the Lord Jesus?