

Story Time With Jesus
Don't Be A Fool
Discover Church
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A parable is an **earthly** story with a **heavenly** meaning.

“Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me. Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” 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.” And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “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. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ “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?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:13-21

Lessons from the Rich Fool Parable

1. Be on **guard** against every kind of **greed**

“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.” Luke 12:15

2. **Refocus** our true **need**

“Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.” Luke 12:22

“But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.” Luke 12:31

3. Lasting **satisfaction** is discovering a great **abundance** in a **relationship** with God

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:32

4. Be **rich** toward God

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:21

5. Above all else **Seek** the **Kingdom** of God

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- **Faith**
- **Service**
- **Obedience**

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Scripture: Luke 12:13-31