

Title: *Rich Toward God* **Scripture:** Luke 12:13–21

Main Idea: Life is not found in the abundance of possessions but in walking with God and stewarding his abundance for his glory.

Point 1: Recognize it's God's abundance and ask him what to do with it

- *Explanation:* The farmer thought only of himself — “my crops, my barns, my grain.” But everything we have comes from the Lord. He gave us breath, skills, and opportunities.
 - *Truth:* All that I have belongs to God.
 - *Challenge:* Before you spend, save, or build “bigger barns,” stop and ask, “Lord, what do you want me to do with this?”
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Point 2: Do not seek life in possessions

- *Explanation:* The rich fool believed his surplus could give him rest and joy. We are tempted the same way with the next purchase, the next upgrade, the next Amazon box. But life fades quickly from things.
 - *Truth:* True life is never found in stuff.
 - *Challenge:* Impose the “two-month rule” or a season of no unnecessary purchases. Let God expose where your heart chases possessions instead of him.
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Point 3: Live in light of eternity — you will give an account

- *Explanation:* The farmer's life was demanded that night. Jesus warns us: one day we will stand before God. Salvation is by grace through faith in Christ, not by our budgeting, but stewardship reveals our hearts.
 - *Truth:* We will all give an account before the Lord.
 - *Challenge:* Live generously today. Be rich toward God by supporting his work, sharing with others, and stewarding abundance for kingdom purposes.
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Reflection:

The fool stored up treasures for himself but was not rich toward God. In Christ we are free to live differently. Real life is found not in bigger barns but in bigger hearts — hearts that trust God, live generously, and walk in his will.

Devotion 1 – It's All His

Scripture: Luke 12:16–17 “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.”’”

Reflection: Notice the farmer’s language: *my* crops, *my* barns, *my* grain. He forgot the harvest came from God. We often do the same. We talk as though what we earn, save, and own belongs only to us. But the truth is, God gives the rain, the soil, the strength, the opportunities. We are stewards, not owners. Real freedom comes when we release our grip and ask, “Lord, what do you want me to do with this?”

Challenge: This week, before you make a purchase or decision about your resources, pause and pray: “Lord, this is yours. Show me how to use it.”

Devotion 2 – Life Is Not in Stuff

Scripture: 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.’”

Reflection: Jesus could not be clearer: life is not found in stuff. Yet we live in the most consumer-driven culture in history. We buy, upgrade, and collect in hopes of filling an empty place inside us. But the thrill fades, and the next thing soon calls our name. Jesus tells us to guard our hearts because possessions will never deliver what they promise. True life is only found in him.

Challenge: Try the “two-month rule.” If you want something, wait. If you still want it after two months, revisit it. See how often the desire fades and how much lighter your heart feels when you resist impulse.

Devotion 3 – Living in Light of Eternity

Scripture: Luke 12:20–21 “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.”

Reflection: The farmer’s plans ended in an instant. He thought he had years ahead to enjoy his wealth, but his life was required that very night. We too will stand before God. For Christians, our salvation rests in the blood of Jesus alone, but we will still give an account of how we used our days and our resources. The question is not whether we can take it with us — we can’t — but whether we sent it ahead by investing in God’s kingdom.

Challenge: Today, act with eternity in view. Give, serve, or bless someone in a tangible way. Use what God has entrusted to you for something that lasts.