

The Parables of Jesus

in the Gospel of Luke (4)

Luke 12:15-21

DISCUSS

Have you ever wanted something so badly, but when you got it you were disappointed (or it was not what you expected)? Share with one another what that one thing was (e.g. gift, internship, award, etc.) and how you felt afterwards.

DISCOVER

Focus: This parable shows us a negative example of a person who was rich in material and earthly possessions yet who was not rich toward God. We want to see what it **means** to be rich toward God and how we can **become** rich toward God, not rich in material and earthly possessions.

I. Read Luke 12:15-21 twice. See if you can retell the story in your own words without looking at the verses.

Luke 12:15 And He said to them, Watch and guard yourself from all covetousness, for no one's life is in the abundance of his possessions.

Luke 12:16 And He told them a parable, saying, The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly.

Luke 12:17 And he reasoned in himself, saying, What shall I do, for I have no place where I may gather my crops?

Luke 12:18 And he said, I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and I will gather there all my wheat and my goods.

Luke 12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; rest, eat, drink, be merry.

Luke 12:20 But God said to him, Foolish one, this night they are requiring your soul from you; and the things which you have prepared, whose will they be?

Luke 12:21 So is he who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

A. Before speaking the parable, the Lord Jesus says, "Watch and guard yourself from all covetousness" (verse 15). What do you think covetousness means?

B. Look at 1 Timothy 6:7-10 and compare with Luke 12:21. Why is it foolish to store up treasures for ourselves?

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II. Read Romans 10:12-13 & Colossians 3:16 to find **two ways** we can become rich toward God.

III. Memorize Romans 10:12-13 and recite it to one another:

*For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and **rich** to all who call upon Him; for "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

DISCIPLE

A. We all need to get a degree, find a job, find a home, etc. How do we not let these things become a replacement to our being rich towards God?

B. Share with one another a way you would like to be rich toward God this week. Pray for one another.