



YES  
NO  
MAYBE

1 I am more financially stable than the person sitting next to me.

2 Retirement is/will be the most relaxing period of my life.

3 I become extremely uncomfortable when I receive a large, unexpected amount of money.

4 God only gives us the amount of money that we can handle and not lose sight of Him.

5 Money is the root of all evil.

^| For those who are working toward retirement, what are you most looking forward to? For the retirees, what do you enjoy the most about retirement?

**READ Luke 12:13-14**

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

**Î TEACHER, RABBI, JUDGE...NOT!**

~| The man calls Jesus "teacher," but treats him like a rabbi or a judge. What's going on here?

° Teacher (Διδάσκαλε) Didáskale - Teacher is Luke's word for rabbi. The man in the crowd assumed he was addressing a legal expert.

° tell my brother to divide (εἰπέ τῷ ἀδελφῷ μου μερίσασθαι) - Literally: "order my brother to make portions of the abundance.

° Jesus replied, "Man..." (ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἄνθρωπε) - Literally: "Dude!"

**READ Luke 12:15-20**

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."

16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.

17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "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.

19 And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

20 "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?'

21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

**Î THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL**

~| What is this parable about, and is "The Rich Fool" the best title?

° When the rich man in Jesus' parable has a bumper crop, who does he talk to? Why is this an important detail?

° How many times does the man in this parable use the pronoun "I"?

° The rich man's problem is NOT that he is selfish. What is his real problem?



## ↑ WHO YOU CALLIN' FOOL?!

↑ Jesus uses the word "fool." Uhh. I thought we weren't allowed to say that. What did Jesus really say, and what did he mean by it?

° Rejoice (εὐφραίνου) euphrainou - be glad, rejoice, celebrate.

° Fool (ἄφρων) Aphron - The *phron* is the Greek word for the diaphragm. When you reach the point where you can relax with a great sigh of relief and expand your diaphragm you have "arrived"; you have achieved the state of *euphraino*. But Jesus tells him that he is in reality *a-phròn*. Literally, he is a person with no diaphragm left to expand. He was reduced to being a person incapable of relaxing.

↑ According to this Kingdom Tale, what is God warning us against?

1 How self-satisfied am I with the blessings that I have?

2 Can I relax with what God has given me?

3 What do I understand more clearly about Your character, now that I've looked at this Kingdom Tale?

MY  
PRAYER

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