

**Memory Verse:**

***“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”  
First Timothy 6:10 / CSB***



“What are some subtle signs that materialism or money are starting to matter more to us than they should?”

*\*Stay on point of the questions provided*

**Parable Of The Rich Young Fool (Luke 12:13-21):**

**Luke 12:13-21 / CSB**, *Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 “Friend,” he said to him, “who appointed me a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15 He then told them, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because one’s life is not in the abundance of his possessions.” 16 Then he told them a parable: “A rich man’s land was very productive. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What should I do, since I don’t have anywhere to store my crops? 18 I will do this,’ he said. ‘I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones and store all my grain and my goods there. 19 Then I’ll say to myself, “You have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.” 20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared—whose will they be?’ 21 “That’s how it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”*

In this passage, Jesus shares a relatable story about someone who has been misled by a false sense of security. Some individuals place their trust in themselves, while others rely on their hypocritical religious beliefs. In this case, we meet someone who places their trust in wealth. This parable introduces what we might refer to as a "rich young fool," a character intended to warn us about the pitfalls of greed and the dangers of being spiritually impoverished.

## **Application:**

### **1. Guard yourself from Greed**

**Luke 12:13-15 / CSB**, Someone from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” **14** “Friend,” he said to him, “who appointed me a judge or arbitrator over you?” **15** He then told them, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because one’s life is not in the abundance of his possessions.”

### **2. Give thanks by being grateful 16-17**

**Luke 12:16-17 / CSB**, “Then he told them a parable: “A rich man’s land was very productive. **17** He thought to himself, ‘What should I do, since I don’t have anywhere to store my crops?’

### **3. Give thanks by being generous 18-19**

**Luke 12:18-19 / CSB**, I will do this,’ he said. ‘I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones and store all my grain and my goods there. **19** Then I’ll say to myself, “You have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.”’

### **4. Get right with God 20-21**

**Luke 12:20-21 / CSB**, “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared—whose will they be?’

**21** “That’s how it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”



## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Review First Timothy 6:10, and discuss the dangers of associated with loving money,*
- 2. What does the rich man’s inner dialogue reveal about his priorities and view of life—and how is God noticeably absent from his thinking?*
- 3. Why does God call the man a fool, and what does this teach us about the difference between earthly success and eternal wisdom?*
- 4. What does it practically look like to be “rich toward God,” and what changes might we need to make in our priorities to live that way?*