

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’”

¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Do Not Be Anxious

²² And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.

²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

HOW SHALL WE LIVE?

Luke 12:13-23

LUKE 12

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LUKE 12b

16 And he told them **a parable**, saying, “The land of a **rich** man produced **plentifully**, 17 and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ 18 And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have **ample goods laid up for many years**; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’”

1 JOHN 2

15 **Do not love the world** or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is **not from the Father** but is from the world. 17 **And** the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

LUKE 12c

20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! **This night** your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21 **So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.**” 22 And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not **be anxious** about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23 For **life is more than** food, and the body more than clothing.

EXODUS 20

³ “You shall **have no other gods** before Me.

5...visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to **those who love Me and keep My commandments.**

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- **Help people in their relationship with God**
- **Live for Them**
 - Study to serve them**
 - Work for their good**
 - Give for their benefit**
- **Use the Resources of the Kingdom**
 - Encouragements of friends**
 - Fellowship of co-workers**
 - Opportunities in the Church**