
We become rich toward God by living for the purposes of God:

- a. As our _____priority,
- b. Allowing our lives to be used in _____God's purpose in others,
- c. Accomplished through the _____we make with our money, time, and relationships.

Key: Page 3: spoken; exist; first. Page 4: highest; advancing; investments

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Parable of the Rich Fool

Stories to be Shaped By—part 5

Luke 12:13-21; April 24, 2016

Luke 12:13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Luke 12:14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

Luke 12:15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possession."

The parable: how the rich man saw life.

Luke 12:16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.

Luke 12:17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

Luke 12:18 Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

Luke 12:19a And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years....

Luke 12:19b ...Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

The way of a fool

Luke 12:20 "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?'

The “fool” in the Old Testament is the person who

- a. Lives as if God has not _____.
- b. Lives as if God does not _____, and
- c. His life centers around filling himself, _____.

*Psalm 53:1 The **fool** says in his heart, There is no God." They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; ...*

*Prov. 10:8 The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering **fool** comes to ruin.*

*Prov. 18:2 A **fool** finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.*

*Prov. 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a **fool** than for him.*

*Prov. 28:26 He who trusts in himself is a **fool**, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.*

Becoming rich toward God

Luke 12:21 "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."
