



PRAYER & WORSHIP

Suggested Song: Create in Me A Clean Heart

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Luke 12:16-21 (ASK SOMEONE TO READ LOUD AND CLEAR)

16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

17 And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?'

18 So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." "

20 But God said to him, **'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'**

21 **"So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."**

INTRODUCTION

Many of us now are too busy to run our day-to-day life. Thinking that if we invest our time, energy and money we will gain more for our future.

In this parable, we will know and learn how to be wise, why we have blessings, and whom shall be glorified in all these material blessings.

DISCUSSION (- GET ANSWERS -)

desire to share his blessings to others, all to be used for himself, v. 19)

1. Who is the person describe in the parable and what was his concern?

(ASK THE GROUP)

ANS.: verse 16-17

- About a certain rich man
- He has so much possession and crops and has no place to store them.
- He is so successful that he had trouble managing his resources

2. What can you say about the rich man in the parable? (ASK THE GROUP)

ANS.: (Assessment)

- **Busy, pursuing the comfort of this life.**
"Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."
- **Selfish**
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3. How do you think he become successful?

(ASK THE GROUP)

ANS.: (Assessment)

- Through Hard work
- Focus on his work and produce

4. Why is he saving all the crops?

(ASK THE GROUP)

ANS.: verse 19

- For his future, thinking that he can relax and enjoy the fruit of his labor.

5. What solution did the rich man thought up for his dilemma? (ASK THE GROUP)

ANS.: verse 18

- Pull down existing barn and build bigger one

6. What is God's perspective about the rich man and WHY?

(ASK THE GROUP)

ANS.: verse 20-21

- The rich man was a "fool"...

**WHY FOOL?**

- *In verse 20, Because in one night, all the man's accomplishments and plans were ruined. He made business plans and life plans, but could not control the day of his death – and all his accomplishments and plans were instantly nothing and is no use for him.*
- *In verse 21, because he stores up earthly treasure for "himself" but does not store up heavenly treasures (not rich toward God)*

7. WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN GOD SAID: "YOUR SOUL WILL BE REQUIRED OF YOU"?

ANS.:

- *This man owed his life, his livelihood, and his wealth to God; but most of all he owed his soul to God, and it would be required of him.*
- *It was obligated to God every day of his life, but would be required on the day of his death.*

8. WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM ON RICHMAN'S TREASURE? (ASK THE GROUP)

ANS.:

- Everything that he harvested was perishable
- His treasures are temporal

REFLECTION

1. Most people would think the man in the parable was a great success (IT IS MAN'S PERSPECTIVE).

But God said he was a fool. Eternity proved the man a fool, and his story showed that it isn't only sin to give material things too high a place in your life – it is also stupid.

2. Why most people lose their soul?

WRONG MINDSET

Jesus tells us that we should see things in right perspective.

"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,"

1 Timothy 6:17-18

SELFISH INTENTION

We are more focus on our own desire and dreams.

"And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Luke 12:15

WRONG GOAL

Most of us do not realize that we are just temporarily living on earth. We neglect to think that we are just one breath away from eternity.

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment," **Hebrews 9:27**

3. We must always remember that we really own nothing, for God owns everything.

We are just the steward of them for the time we are here on earth.

Sometimes, when we are blessed to our financials, we easily forget God, our Great Provider. We become so arrogant and very dependent of material and temporary things.

1 Corinthians 10:26 for "the earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness."

4. Commit all your plans to our Lord Jesus.

"Commit your works to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established." **Proverbs 16:3**



5. We must share our blessings especially who needed most.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 *"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."*

6. No amount of wealth can secure our lives with God.

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" **Mark 8:36**

7. All things on earth are just temporal; we must always secure our plans for everlasting life.

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." **Colossians 3:2-4**

SHARING

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. What if you heard those words: "Today, you will die." Are you ready for that?
2. Are you ready to give an account for the way you're using your body and managing your riches?