

SERMON NOTES

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THE PARABLES OF JESUS ACCORDING TO LUKE: THE RICH FOOL

Luke 12:13-21

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BIG IDEA: Greed stands in the way of being rich toward God.

THE CONTEXT (vv. 13-15)

We should always check our <u>motives</u>. (Proverbs 4:23)

Be careful what you tie to your *identity*. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 3:1-4)

<u>Covetousness</u> is a dangerous sin. (James 4:3)

UNPACKING THE PARABLE (vv. 16-21)

The rich man's <u>dilemma</u>: too much stuff. (1 Timothy 6:10)

The rich man's solution: build more storage. (Ecclesiastes 5:13-14)

God's <u>response</u>: wealth cannot secure your life. (*Matthew 16:26*)

The lesson: use your resources to honor God, rather than for self-indulgence. (Matthew 6:19-20)

KEY LESSONS

Wealth can be a deceptive and alluring source of security.

No matter how much we <u>accumulate</u>, we cannot take it with us.

Our true <u>treasure</u> lies not in earthly wealth but in our relationship with God.