

## **Doorway to Transformation 4** **Bible Study on Luke 12:13-21**

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#### *The Parable of the Rich Fool*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”  
<sup>15</sup> 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 possessions.”

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup> “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. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

<sup>20</sup> “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?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

1. Why do you think Jesus makes such a strong warning against greed in verse 15? Why do you think there are such strong Biblical warnings against greed in general?
  
2. What are some observations you have about the rich man in this parable?
  
3. What are some positive characteristics of the rich man?
  
4. Meanwhile, what is God’s challenge to the man?

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5. Who will get what the man has prepared for himself?
  
6. How can you relate to this man?
7. Reflect on the following question: When your stuff is gone at the end of your life, will there be anything of eternal value that has passed through your hands?
  
8. How would you answer that question?
  
9. If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do with your money/possessions?
  
10. Would your closest family and friends refer to you as someone who is “rich toward God”? Would strangers who saw your bank account consider you “rich toward God”?
  
11. What keeps most people from being “rich toward God”?
  
12. Do you feel free in the area of money and finances, or is it an area that you can give freely while your soul is at rest?
  
13. Reflect on the following verse: My soul finds rest in God alone. – Psalm 62:1. Pray that this becomes true for you in the area of money.