

The Parable of the Rich Fool - Luke 12:13-21

Topics: Abundance, Complacency, Foolishness, Judgment, Possessions, Preparation

Open It

1. Over what did you and your siblings fight when you were growing up?
- * 2. How did your family regard possessions while you were growing up?
3. What measures of a person does our society value?

Explore It

4. What did the person in the crowd want Jesus to do? (12:13)
- * 5. Against what did Jesus warn the crowd? Why? (12:13-15)
6. How did Jesus respond to the request from the crowd? (12:14)
7. From what did Jesus distinguish a person's life? (12:15)
8. What teaching device did Jesus use? (12:16)
9. What was the rich man's dilemma in the parable? (12:16-17)
10. What did the man decide to do about his bumper crop? (12:18)
- * 11. How did the rich man view his possessions and good fortune? (12:19)
12. How did God intervene in the rich man's life? (12:20)
- * 13. What would become of the man's abundance? (12:20)
14. What kinds of abundance did Jesus mention? (12:21)
15. To whom did Jesus apply His teaching about greed? (12:21)

Get It

16. What signs of greed can show up in a person's life?
17. On what basis would you like your life to be judged?
18. With what parts of the parable can you identify?
- * 19. What parts of the parable make you uncomfortable?
20. In what ways do we act as if we will live for many, many years?
21. Why is it difficult for us to accept the fact that our life and things are temporary?
- * 22. How is it possible to be rich toward God?

Apply It

- * 23. What is one step you can take this week to become less dependent on your possessions?
24. With which of your possessions do you want to be more generous? How can you?