

## The Fool and His Money (Luke 12:13-21)

### I. Earthly Riches Profit Nothing (13-15)

#### A. Jesus shows that Earthly Treasures are Meaningless (13-14)

1. Jesus is asked to judge an inheritance dispute (13)
  - a. Evidently he had not been listening
  - b. Christ had been talking about God, our lives, and eternal
  - c. All he could think about was his money
2. Jesus dismisses the request (14)
  - a. "Who made me judge over you?"
  - b. Why are you asking these kind of questions
  - c. Who really cares about your earthly treasures

#### B. Jesus Warns against Coveting Treasures (15)

1. Beware of covetousness
  - a. Lit. Watch yourselves / Guard yourselves against
2. Possessions Can't Give Life
  - a. They cannot make life better
  - b. They cannot extend life
  - c. They cannot add anything to eternity

### II. Eternal Riches Profit Everything (16-21)

#### A. Laying Up Treasures in Earth is Pointless (16-20)

1. A man invested his life in riches (16-19)
  - a. He had more than he could ever spend (16-17)
    - i. His land had produced Greatly (16)
      - Notice that it was the land that brought it
      - God had to send rain etc.
      - no indication of thankfulness on his part
  - b. He had more than he could store (17)
    - i. He had been blessed with overabundance
      - he gave no thought to charity
      - he gave no thought to tithing
      - his only thoughts were selfish
2. A man put All his energy toward his riches (18-19)
  - a. He tore down old barns to build new ones
    - i. keeping his riches was hard work
    - ii. his life was consumed with the upkeep
    - iii. he planned everything for his own comfort
  - b. He prepared himself for a life of luxury
    - i. he said to himself, you have everything you need
    - ii. Relax, eat, drink, and be merry

#### B. Earthly Treasures Mean nothing In Death (20)

1. The man's life ended that very night
  - a. God called him a fool
  - b. He prepared nothing except earthly things
    - i. God requires the life of every man
    - ii. Everyone will give an account

2. The man's riches were given to another
  - a. Everything he worked for is given away
  - b. He will never enjoy it

### III. Eternal Riches are Riches in God

- A. The one who stores treasure in heaven is rich
- B. Storing riches on earth provides nothing
- C. What has God given you to give away?