

## LUKE 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

15 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."

16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.

17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

18 "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.'

19 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.'"

20 "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?'

21 "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich towards God."

# first things first

## THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

### the tragic tale

#### ✓ there was a PROSPEROUS FARMER

- ▶ RICH – v.16 – "The ground of a certain rich man..."
- ▶ REAPING – v.16 – "...produced a good crop."
- ▶ RUNNING out of ROOM – v.17 – "I have no place to store my crops."

#### ✓ he was PILING up a FORTUNE

- ▶ his PREOCCUPATION – v.17 – "He thought to himself, 'What shall I do?'"
- ▶ his PLANNING – v.18 – "I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones..."
- ▶ his PASSION and PRIORITY – v.18 – "There I will store all my grain and my goods."

#### ✓ he was PRESUMPTUOUS about the FUTURE

- ▶ PRESUMPTUOUS about TITLE to TREASURES – v.19 – "I'll say to myself..."
- ▶ PRESUMPTUOUS about TRUSTING in TREASURES – v.19 – "You have plenty..."
- ▶ PRESUMPTUOUS about TIME and TOMORROW – v.19 – "...things laid up for many years."

#### ✓ he was PLANNING on FEASTING and FESTIVITIES

- ▶ REST and RELAX – v.19 – "Take life easy..."
- ▶ REVEL and REJOICE – v.19 – "Eat, drink and be merry."

#### ✓ he was PRONOUNCED to be a FOOL

- ▶ the VISIT from GOD – v.20 – "But God..."
- ▶ the VOICE of GOD – v.20 – "God said to him..."
- ▶ the VIEWPOINT of GOD – v.20 – "You fool!"
- ▶ the VERDICT from GOD – v.20 – "This very night your life will be demanded from you."
- ▶ the VALUE of the GOODS – v.20 – "Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

### the timely truths

#### ✓ GUARD against GREED

- ▶ v.15 – "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed..."

#### ✓ don't let MONEY MATTERS MAKE you MISERABLE

- ▶ v.13 – "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

#### ✓ PRIORITIZE PEOPLE as PRIZED and PRECIOUS

- ▶ v.15 – "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

#### ✓ TREAT TIME as a TREASURE and a TRUST

- ▶ v.15/20 – "A man's life...This very night your life will be demanded from you."

#### ✓ LIVE for the LORD LAVISHLY

- ▶ v.21 – "This is how it will be with anyone who...is not rich towards God."