

## 5/13/18 | The Rich Fool



*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?'*

—Luke 12:20 | NIV

### DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever had a nice thing (a tool, a toy, a weekend, a cake, etc.) you didn't want to share with anyone else? Did hoarding it help you enjoy it more? What happened?
2. Consider these song lyrics. What do they mean to you? How do they connect with the sermon and parable? Are they true? Why or why not?

*Help me want the Giver  
more than the giving.  
Help me want you, Jesus,  
more than anything.  
—Natalie Grant*

### Worldly Riches

3. Read Matthew 19:21-26. Why is it so hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. Are riches themselves a temptation? Why or why not?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:11-19. What should rich believers be doing? Why? Is it easier or harder to be generous when you have more riches? Why?
6. Read Proverbs 23:4-5. What is this proverb trying to say about riches? What is Proverbs 11:28 trying to say?

7. How do these verses connect with the parable and the sermon?

### **Heavenly Riches**

8. Read Ephesians 1:17-18. What are the riches of God's glorious inheritance?

9. Read Matthew 6:19-21, 31-33. What is the value in seeking God's kingdom? How do we store up treasures in heaven?

10. Read Colossians 3:1-3. What does it mean to set our minds and hearts on things above?

11. Read Matthew 13:45-46. Do you ever value knowledge of the Lord and His Word and His kingdom as much as the people in these short parables? How do you show your enthusiasm?

12. How does studying these verses change the way you see your earthly wealth? How does studying these verses change the way you see your heavenly wealth? What can you do this week to value God's treasures over earthly treasures?

### **TAKE AWAY**