

WEEK 4: PARABLE OF THE WEALTHY MAN

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Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

Luke 12:13-21

Imagine for a minute what heaven might be like: **beautiful** homes, streets of gold, constant awe and worship, deep relationships and fellowship with other believers – everything you could ever need. It is hard to imagine that heaven will look so different from our lives on **Earth** and that some of our prized **possessions** will not be there. But Jesus tells us there is no need to worry about what we may leave behind because heaven will be far greater than we can ever imagine **simply** because we will be living eternally beside our Savior. Jesus explains the dangers of living for the world **rather** than for heaven in the parable of the rich fool.

A rich man had a successful and fertile farm with more crops than he could hold. He **decided** to tear down all his barns and build bigger ones so he could live a life of luxury and rest easy knowing that he was set up for success for the rest of his days. But **God** came to the man and told him, "You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get **everything** you worked for?" It is foolish to store up wealth and live for success on Earth because none of that will matter when we get to heaven. It is better to spend time on Earth **deepening** your relationship with Christ.

Our lives are more than the **success** or achievements we earn on Earth even though the world may tell us differently. Our lives are a preparation period for eternity in heaven – an opportunity to grow **closer** with God and share His message with those around us. We will not be able to take anything to heaven with us when we die so our most important priority on Earth should be **strengthening** our relationship with Christ – the only thing we can carry with us in **heaven**.

Questions to think about:

1. What is your most prized possession? Will that item matter to you when you get to heaven?
2. What is the purpose of our time on Earth?
3. What is true "success" if not material or worldly success?