

## **LUKE 12:13-21**

### **The Parable of the Rich Fool**

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

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup>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."

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup>"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. <sup>19</sup>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." '

<sup>20</sup>"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?'

<sup>21</sup>"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."



### **SERMON NOTES**

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### ***Why Jesus Won't Be Your Broker: Taking Stewardship Seriously***

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"Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" (Luke 12:14)

- Jesus allows us to have say over wealth, and he expects us to decide how to use it.

"This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones..." (Luke 12:18)

- Left to our own wisdom, our concerns about wealth revolve around dividing the pie just right.

"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." (Luke 12:21)

- The matter of first importance is not to become wise with money but to think like God thinks.

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15)

- When you have say over things now, you get trained to have say over things in the age to come.