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# FINANCIAL FREEDOM OR FINANCIAL PEACE





13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?"
15 And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."



**16** And he told them a parable saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, **17** and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'



**18** And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'



20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."



## **BACKGROUND:**

There are 3 major sections:

- **1.** The Disciple & Persecution (Luke 12:1-12)
- 2. The Disciple & Possessions (Luke 12:13-34)
- 3. The Disciple & Preparedness for Christ's Second Coming (Luke 12:35-53)



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#### Luke 12:15 (ESV)



## PART 1 OF V15: Take care and be on your guard against all covetousness



9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

#### 1 Timothy 6:9 (ESV)







## PART 2 OF V15: One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions



#### What life really is?

3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

#### **John 17:3 (ESV)**



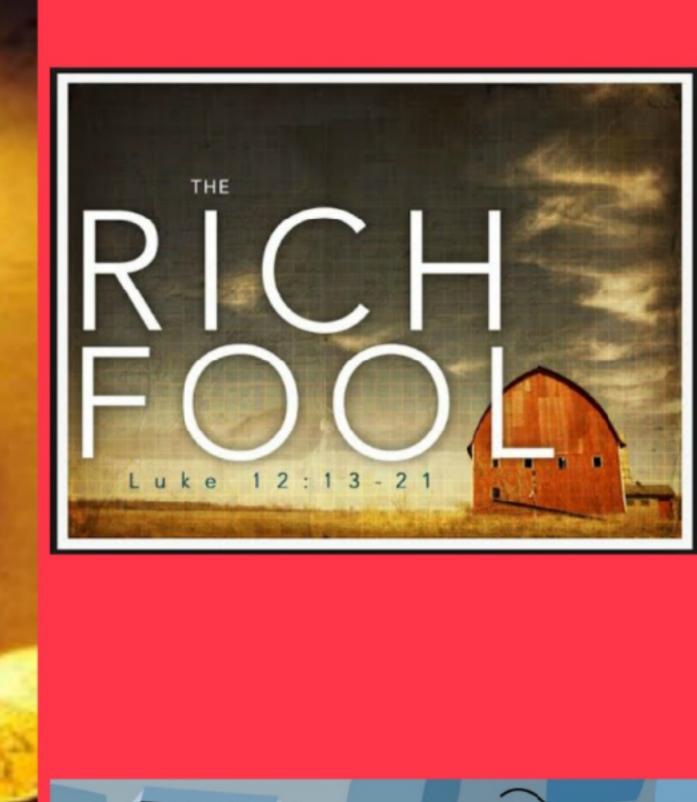
8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.

#### Philippians 3:8 (NLT)











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## 1. Don't mistake your time in this life for eternity

## 2. Don't mistake your body for your soul

# 3. Don't mistake what is yours for what is God's



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#### "To be **rich** toward **God** is to be rich in **good deeds**, rich in **generosity** and rich in **relationships**." BOYD BAILEY

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## SOME EXAMPLES TO BE RICH TOWARDS GOD

1. Open your homes for Life Groups 2. Offer someone a meal 3. Offer your help for hospital visitation 4. Give to mission funds, building funds 5. Bring in your tithes to the church 6. Give good gifts during Christmas 7. Look forward to Jesus Second Coming

