

ARE YOU RICH?

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Text: Luke 12:13-21

Introduction:

A. What did the man do right in the story?

1. He **worked** hard for the money (vv. 16-18).
2. He **knew** what he wanted in life (v. 18).
3. He **got** what he wanted in life (v. 19).

B. Where did he go wrong?

1. He **focused** on gold instead of God (vv. 16-18).
2. He **acted** like the real owner instead of being the manager (vv. 16-17).
3. He **devoted** on what is passing instead of what is lasting (vv. 18-20).
4. Consequently, he had a **tragic ending**: He died rich but poor and a fool (vv. 20-21).

C. What is Jesus really saying to us in the story?

1. He is **not against** wealth, success and good life as such. What he is against is **greed** (vv.14-15).
2. He wants us to **acknowledge** and **honor** Him - the real owner of it all (Luke 12:18-20; Ps. 24: Deut. 8:17-18; Job.1:20-21).
3. He wants us to not only have riches, but above all **true riches** (vv. 20-21).

Our true riches in Christ:

- Rich with the **grace of God** (2 Cor. 8:9; Eph. 1:7-8)
- Rich with **unending life** (Jh. 3:16)
- Rich with the “**blessed hope**” (Titus 2:13)
- Rich with the happiest and most beautiful **home** ever built (Rev. 21:3-5, 21)
- And in this life, rich in Christ’s **presence**, **peace** and **providential care** care (Ps. 23:1, 6)

Conclusion:

TABLETALK STARTERS (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

1. What did you like the most about the rich man in Jesus’ story despite his notoriety? (Please refer to point A:1-3)
2. In your opinion, which of the 4 mistakes the rich man committed that post the most danger in affluent America? Please explain (Refer to point B:1-4)
3. Why was the rich man rebuked by Jesus?
4. What wisdom can we gain about riches and life’s priorities?
5. In view of this message, what do you really want to thank God for? (Refer to point C:2-3)
6. When our time to leave this world comes, what do you want to leave to your children or loved ones? How do you want to be remembered?

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