

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21

1. Relate the story of the rich fool in 25 words or less.
2. What occasioned Jesus to tell the parable of the rich fool? Verse 13.
3. Does this parable contain a warning about unrighteousness or covetousness?
4. What was the error of Moses into which Jesus plainly declares that he will not be drawn? (See Exodus 2:14)
5. What is covetousness?
6. What are the limitations of the power of property, according to Jesus?

7. How did the man's wealth come to him? Was it gotten honestly?

8. As we are allowed to look into the rich man's heart, how do his very thoughts bear out the truth of Solomon's observation (Proverbs 1:32)?

9. Can you think of places besides his barns he could have "bestowed" his fruits?

10. What did the rich man think was the solution to his problem?

11. Although his thoughts are entirely for his body, to what does he address his speech?

12. What is foolish about his boast of "many years" in view of Solomon's words in Proverbs 27:1?

13. What is shown in the use of the pronoun "I" six times and of no one else?

14. What is shown by his use of the possessive pronoun “my” five times?

15. What was being determined in the counsels of God while the man was saying these things to himself?

16. Although the rich man was commending himself for his prudence and foresight, what was God’s assessment of him?

17. What are some of the ways the rich man’s folly was shown?

18. What may we infer from the fact that the phrase “this night thy soul shall be required of thee” is rendered “this night thy soul is required of thee”?

19. What happens to a rich man’s “things” when he dies?

20. For whom did the rich man “lay up” treasure?

21. How does someone become “rich toward God”?

22. What sin is addressed in this parable?