

## **Greed**

### **Luke 12:13-21**

The man in the crowd had an audience with Jesus Christ. He had one opportunity to ask any question he chose, or to make any request.

What did he say? How did he phrase his comment? What information can we gather from his manner and words?

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Jesus, who knew his heart, evaluated the man's intent. What was the motive of the man in the crowd?

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Jesus also offered truth to the man, to give him the opportunity to change his thinking to a God - honoring priority. What did Jesus teach? What can we learn from Jesus about compassionate care?

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Jesus gave the man (and us) further truth in the story He told. Summarize the parable and the point of it.

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Observe the man's use of the word "my" in verses 17-19. What does it reveal about his misunderstanding of stewardships?

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When do you make decisions based on the desire for an abundance of possessions? When do you choose to make financial decisions which result in being rich toward God rather than laying up treasure in heaven for yourself?

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Will you commit yourself to patterns of thinking and spending which will make you rich toward God? If so, what specific changes will you make? Pray for strength in this. Secure the help of a friend in Christ who will hold you accountable to putting these things into practice.

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