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The Foolish Farmer

Good Samaritan: A neighbor takes action to help someone in need.

The unforgiving servant: An unforgiving spirit makes a mockery of God's grace.

The tax collector and the publican: Pride and hypocrisy destroys relationship.

The Sower the seed, and the soil: You must be receptive to the seed God is planting in your life

Wealth Management: We will all be judged on what we did with what we had

Luke 12:13-21 (NLT2) ¹³ Then **someone** called from the crowd, "Teacher, **please** tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me." ¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide **such things as that?**" ¹⁵ Then he said, "**Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.**" ¹⁶ Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷ He said to himself, 'What should **I** do? **I** don't have room for all **my crops.**' ¹⁸ Then he said, '**I** know! **I'll** tear down **my barns** and build bigger ones. Then **I'll** have room enough to store all **my wheat** and **(my) other goods.**' ¹⁹ And **I'll** sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, **you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!**'" ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. **Then who will get everything you worked for?**'" ²¹ "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

1. There are 5 warnings that come from Luke 12. **Beware of:** (1) **hypocrisy** 1-12 (2) **greed** 13-21(3)**worry** 22-34 (4)**carelessness** 35-53 (5) **dullness** 54-59
2. A man **interrupts** Jesus to ask a favor.
3. The man's request is inappropriate—it is not a question but a **demand**. He is "nicely" telling Jesus to take his side.
4. Jesus issues a warning concerning **greed**. One that is usually greeted with the response, "Yeah, but. . ."
5. Greed moves us from **appreciation** to **expectation**. "I'm entitled!"
6. Jesus sees past the request and recognizes the deeper problem.- **Greed** fostered by a faulty view of life. Jesus tells a parable to address the bigger issue.

1. There was a rich farmer with a fertile crop

1. The farmer had a problem—he was **too** rich—not enough room to store it all.
2. He **selfishly** thinks through his problem and determines a solution and projects the benefits.
3. He **thought** he had built a great future for himself.

2. God called the farmer a Fool!

1. He **presumed** that everything we continue as planned because of his wealth.
2. God **declared** that the man would die that night.
3. God asked a **penetrating** question. ***Then who will get everything you worked for?***
4. Jesus summarized the story with a **keen** observation.

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3. We can learn several things from the story

The point being made: **Valuing temporal possessions above all else makes you a fool**

Matthew 16:26 (NLT2) ²⁶ *And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?*

1. He did not factor the **brevity** of life. Start doing today what you plan to do one day.

Psalms 90:12 (NLT2) *Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.*

Life is but a vapor. Life is like the grass of the field.

2. He did not understand the **limitations** of wealth.

James 5:2-3 (NLT2) ² *Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags.*

³ *Your gold and silver have become worthless. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This treasure you have accumulated will stand as evidence against you on the day of judgment.*

3. He did not see the **destruction** greed causes.

Proverbs 1:19 (NLT2) *Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money; it robs them of life.*

4. He did not recognize the **uncertainty** of the future.

James 4:13-16 (NLT2) ¹³ *Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit."* ¹⁴ *How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.* ¹⁵ *What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."* ¹⁶ *Otherwise you are boasting about your own plans, and all such boasting is evil.*

5. He did not consider the **certainty** of death and the judgement of his life.

Hebrews 9:27 (NLT2) *And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,*

The only remedy is to receive the gift of salvation, devote yourself to the Lordship of Jesus, and develop a rich relationship with God.