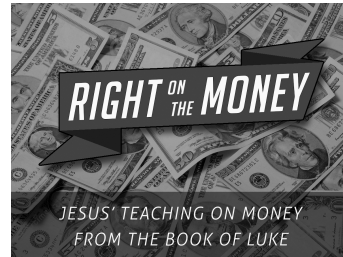


## Having a rich relationship with God.

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**Luke 12:13-21** Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?”<sup>15</sup> Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”<sup>16</sup> Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops.<sup>17</sup> He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’<sup>18</sup> 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 other goods.’<sup>19</sup> 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!”<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”



### **1. A REQUEST:** Jesus is asked to intervene in a family financial dispute.

**Luke 12:13** Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”

Planning for retirement – preparing for life *before* death – is wise, but neglecting to plan for life *after* death is disastrous.  
–Life Application Commentary: Luke pg. 319

### **2. THE REFUSAL:** Jesus is far more concerned that you have a generous heart than He is with your increased standard of living.

**Luke 12:14** “Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?”

### **3. A REBUKE:** Jesus’ story is a sharp rebuke to people who disregard being good managers of what God gives them.

**Luke 12:20** “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’”

**Matthew 6:21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Matthew 6:24** “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

**Luke 12:34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**1 Timothy 6:10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

**Hebrews 13:5** Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

### **Growing a rich relationship with God:**

1. Commit yourself to giving thanks every time you deposit money or have the opportunity to enjoy what it produces.
2. Revisit your budget or print out your last month’s bank statement. Does it reflect a dedication to selfless generosity? If not, revisit 1 Corinthians 9:7 using it as a guideline to adjust your spending.

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