

**Sermon: Money and Being Rich Toward God.**  
**Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.**

**Scripture: Luke 12:13-21.**  
**Date: March 2, 2025**

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**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION** -- Answer these questions together:

**1. What does this passage teach us about God?**

a) Read verse 20. What can we learn about the character and desire of God from this verse alone?

**2. What does this passage teach us about us?**

a) Verse 15. In what ways do people (do YOU) attempt to find life in your possessions?

b) Verse 18-19. What attitude or belief is at the core of the rich fool's decision to build bigger barns and store up the food? In what ways does this mindset/attitude sneak into your heart? Read also 1 Timothy 6:9-10.

**3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?**

a) Read 2 Cor. 8:9. How does this gospel truth empower us to be sacrificially generous like Jesus was?

b) Pastor Mark said, "Jesus frees us from money's deception." In general, how does trusting Christ allow us to be free from the deception of riches? In what ways have you seen this truth at work in your own life? Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19.

**APPLICATION**

a) What does it mean to be "rich toward God?" Think about generosity, priorities, talents, time, giving. What changes might you need to make in either attitude or practice in order to live "rich toward God?"

b) Is there a financial trial that is testing your faith? Why is it so important to respond to God in faith with our possessions especially in times of great uncertainty?

**PRAYER**

- Praise God for his care for us and for giving us all things to enjoy.
- Confess ways that you have lived in the deception of riches.
- Thank Jesus for sacrificially giving to us that we might share in his wealth.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to be rich toward God in generosity, time, talents, lifestyle, etc.