

**PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL**

Luke 12:13-21

This discussion is for the Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship teaching series, “The Parables”, available at leadmin.org/parables.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• Are you saving up to retire/stop working one day? What is your dream idea of life after your working days are concluded? Would you like to spend it with family? Travel? Enjoy a hobby?

* When you have a little extra money, what do you tend to spend it on?
* If you could go back in time 20 years, knowing what you know now, what might you do differently?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read Luke 12:13-14. Before Jesus tells this story, He is asked a question. What is the nature of the question, and what was Jesus’ answer?

* Read Like 12:16-21. What is Jesus trying to teach by telling this story?
* Why is the rich man called a “fool”? He seems to have done well in life, has planned well, and has been blessed with abundant crops. What makes him foolish?
* What has the rich farmer failed to prepare for?
* What does it mean not to be “rich toward God”?
* What might this rich farmer had done differently with respect to his wealth?
* How does this story from Jesus impact how we might view our possessions?



• What can you do this week to prepare for the time when “your life will be demanded of you”?

* Do you have a healthy view of abundance and possessions? How can you be “rich toward God” in what you have available to you today?
* Do you have a “blind spot” when it comes to how you handle your money and possessions? What might God have you do differently so that you will truly be “wise” versus a “rich fool”?