

The Parable of the Foolish Rich Man

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Luke 12:16-21 NASB

16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive.

17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

18 "Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."'

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

21 "So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

1 Timothy 6:7-10 NASB

7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.

8 If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

What makes money so dangerous?

1. It replaces God by giving us a false sense of security, control and power.

Matthew 6:24 NASB

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Deuteronomy 8:12-14 NASB

12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them,

13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,

14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Psalms 49:10-12 NASB

10 For he sees that even wise men die; The stupid and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others.

11 Their inner thought is that their houses are forever And their dwelling places to all generations; They have called their lands after their own names.

12 But man in his pomp will not endure; He is like the beasts that perish.

Psalm 62:10 NASB

10 **If riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.**

Proverbs 11:28 NASB

28 **He who trusts in his riches will fall,** But the righteous will flourish like the green leaf.

2. **The pursuit, management and spending of money consumes your time, attention and energy.**

Ecclesiastes 5:10-13 NASB

10 **He who loves money will not be satisfied with money,** nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity.

11 **When good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what is the advantage to their owners except to look on?**

12 **The sleep of the working man is pleasant,** whether he eats little or much; but the full stomach of the rich man does not allow him to sleep.

13 **There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun: riches being hoarded by their owner to his hurt.**

Luke 14:17-20 NASB

17 and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'

18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.'

19 "Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.'

20 "Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'

Mark 4:18-19 NASB

18 "And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word,

19 **but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.**

Proverbs 23:4 NASB

4 **Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, cease from your consideration of it.**

3. **Wealth is fleeting and uncertain.**

Proverbs 23:5 NASB

5 **When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.**

1 Timothy 6:17-19 NASB

17 **Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.**

Matthew 6:19-21 NASB

19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

Isaiah 50:10-11 NASB

10 Who is among you that fears the LORD, That obeys the voice of His servant, That walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

11 Behold, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with firebrands, Walk in the light of your fire And among the brands you have set ablaze. This you will have from My hand: You will lie down in torment.