

**The Parable of the Rich Fool**      May 23, 2021

Luke 12:13-21

*Question # 1-What is the identity of the original audience? (13a)*

*Question # 2-What is the problem question or circumstance that prompted the parable? 12:13b-15*

The request to Jesus about dividing the inheritance (13b)

The response of Jesus (14)

The warning of Jesus (15)

*Question # 3-What is the natural meaning of the parable? (16-20)*

The rich fool had an abundant harvest (16)

The rich man had a dilemma (17)

The rich man had a solution (18-19)

Build bigger storage barns (18)

Second requirement of the law ignored (Luke 10:27)

***Love neighbor as you love yourself***

Take life easy (19)

Proverbs 30:7-9

1 Timothy 6:6-10

1 Timothy 6:17-19

First requirement of the law ignored (Luke 10:27)

***Love God with your whole heart, soul, strength, mind***

Unexpected event (20)

Ecclesiastes 2:18-19

*Question # 4-What is the main point of the parable?*

Life is more than possessions (15b; 23)

*Question # 5-What is the actual or intended response of the hearers?*

*Question # 6-What interpretation did Jesus give to the parable (21)*

### Questions for discussion

1. List some ways in which we might demonstrate greed? What is the solution to the problem of greed?
2. How might we use this text to share the urgency of trusting in Jesus Christ?
3. How might Proverbs 18:10-11 be used to show the righteous and the unrighteous way regarding possessions?
4. What have you learned about covetousness from the Parable of the Rich Fool?