

*Series:* Surprising Words from Jesus about Being a Disciple  
*Sermon: What Do You Treasure?*

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***Bible text explored: Luke 12:13–21***

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” [ESV]

***Review and application:***

1. What (v. 13) does the request to Jesus, addressed as a rabbi, tell you about the preoccupation of this “someone in the crowd”?
2. Why (vv. 14-15) do you think Jesus rejected the man’s arbitration appeal?  
What perspective behind the man’s request did Jesus warn the crowd about?
3. Pastor Lee noted that most advertising today goes beyond selling us things to promoting a lifestyle. What examples of this can you recall?  
Malcolm Forbes, the publisher of *Forbes* magazine, known for his extravagant lifestyle, famously said, “He who dies with the most toys wins.” Why is that a foolish claim?  
(See Luke 9:25 and 1 Timothy 6:10.)
4. In Jesus’ parable (vv. 16-21), what is the dilemma faced by the wealthy farmer, and how does he decide to deal with it?  
What makes this decision shortsightedly deficient?  
(See Deut.10:14 and James 4:13-14.)
5. What is involved in being rich toward God?  
(See 1 Tim. 6:17-19.)  
What did Pastor Steven say is the biblical way to free your soul from hording? (See the example of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10.)
6. What evidence would your personal budget and calendar provide about the extent to which your treasures are rich toward God?