



# Living Rich Toward God: Lessons from the Gospels



Explore Jesus' teaching on true riches in Luke 12:13–21 and learn how to prioritize your soul over earthly wealth.

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## Introduction

Welcome to this 3-day study on the Gospels, focusing on the powerful teaching of Jesus found in *Luke 12:13–21*, commonly known as the parable of the Rich Fool. In this passage, Jesus offers a sobering warning about the danger of storing up earthly treasures while neglecting the eternal needs of the soul. Though wealth and possessions can provide comfort and security, they are ultimately temporary and cannot satisfy the deepest longings within us.

As we journey through this study, you will discover how the Gospels present a consistent message about what it means to be truly rich—from the heart, from a life connected to God, and not just from what one owns. Jesus calls us to examine where we place our trust and to consider how the pursuit of material wealth can sometimes blind us to God’s kingdom and purposes.

*Through scripture reflection and devotional insights, this study invites you to reorient your life, storing up treasures in heaven by nurturing your soul. You’ll be encouraged to reflect on your own priorities with honesty and openness, and to grow in faith by embracing God’s provision and grace.* Whether you are new to the Bible or have long been following Jesus, His teaching in the parable of the Rich Fool challenges us all to seek lasting riches that only God can provide. Let us open our hearts to the Spirit’s guidance as we learn together how to live rich toward God.





## Day 1: 🌱 The Danger of Earthly Riches



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## Your Verse

*Luke 12:15 – “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 6:19 – “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...”*,
- *1 Timothy 6:9 – “Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap...”*



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## Devotional: Guard Your Heart Against Greed

**Jesus opens his teaching with a clear warning about greed.** Though material wealth can seem like the key to security, it can become a trap if it overshadows what truly matters. Luke 12:15 reminds us that life's value is not measured by possessions but by something far deeper—our relationship with God and how we steward what He entrusts to us.

Many struggle with anxiety about money, feeling pressured to accumulate more for comfort or status. Yet Jesus challenges us to step back and evaluate: What are we truly living for? The Rich Fool's mistake was his shortsightedness; he hoarded wealth without considering his soul's eternal state. These worldly treasures are fleeting and vulnerable to loss.

*Today's reflection invites you to consider where your heart is set. Are you prioritizing earthly abundance at the expense of your spiritual well-being? Take this opportunity to ask God to reveal any hidden greed or misplaced trust, and to guide you in seeking riches that last.*



Day 1: 🌱 The Danger of Earthly Riches

## Reflect and Apply

1. How do I define true security in my life?

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2. What temptations around wealth do I personally face?

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3. In what ways might I be 'storing up' earthly riches over spiritual growth?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. List the things you currently trust to provide your security.

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2. Write about a time when material gain distracted you from God.

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3. Describe how you could focus more on spiritual treasures.

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Day 1: 🌱 The Danger of Earthly Riches

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, help me to see beyond the temporary lure of earthly riches and to place my trust fully in You. Open my eyes to any greed or misplaced priorities in my heart. Teach me how to seek what lasts forever and to live rich toward You. May my soul find true satisfaction in Your presence. *Amen.* 🙏❤️🌱





## Day 2: ✨ The Parable of the Rich Fool



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## Your Verse

*Luke 12:16–21 – The rich fool’s story and Jesus’ concluding warning.*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 23:4 – “Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness.”*
- *James 4:13–14 – “Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go...’”*



Day 2: ✨ The Parable of the Rich Fool

## Devotional: Acknowledging God in Our Plans

**The parable of the Rich Fool illustrates the danger of focusing solely on earthly wealth.** This man's abundance led him to store up grain, planning to relax and enjoy life, yet God calls him a fool because his soul was not rich toward God. His life was demanded from him that very night, showing how fleeting and uncertain wealth can be.

This story confronts us with the truth of human limitations and the importance of a God-centered perspective. We are not guaranteed tomorrow, and our true wealth is not what we accumulate but how we relate to God. The Rich Fool's fatal error was his self-reliance and neglect of his soul's eternal welfare.

*Reflect on your own life's plans and where your confidence lies. Are you acknowledging God in your decisions and seeking to align your goals with His kingdom? Let this parable inspire humility and a renewed focus on the eternal.*



Day 2: ✨ The Parable of the Rich Fool

## Reflect and Apply

1. What does this parable say about the nature of true wealth?

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2. How do I typically plan for my future? Is God part of those plans?

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3. In what ways can I avoid trusting only in my own resources?

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Day 2: ✨ The Parable of the Rich Fool

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write a personal response to the Rich Fool's story.

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2. Identify areas where you might be neglecting your soul's needs.

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3. List ways to invite God into your future planning.

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## Day 2: ✨ The Parable of the Rich Fool

## Prayer for Today

**Father God**, thank You for reminding me that life is uncertain and that true riches come from You. Help me to acknowledge You in all my plans and to depend on Your wisdom and provision. May I not be a fool who neglects the eternal soul for fleeting treasures. Guide me to live with eternity in mind each day. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏🌱💡





## Day 3: 🌟 Storing Up Treasures in Heaven





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## Your Verse

*Matthew 6:19–21 – “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Colossians 3:2 – “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”*
- *Hebrews 13:5 – “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have.”*



## Devotional: Investing in Eternal Treasure

Jesus contrasts earthly treasures with heavenly ones, teaching that our true investment should be in God's kingdom. The impermanence of material possessions is a recurring theme in the Gospels, urging believers to focus on eternal values that transform the heart and impact others.

Setting our minds on things above means embracing contentment and generosity as markers of a spiritually rich life. When we place God and His kingdom first, our hearts align with His purposes and find peace beyond financial gain. This transforms how we view possessions—not as ends but as means to bless others and glorify God.

*Consider how your daily choices reflect where your treasure is. Are you cultivating habits that store rich treasures in heaven? How can your resources serve God's purposes and nurture your soul? This is an invitation to live with intentionality, focusing on eternal rewards.*



## Reflect and Apply

1. Where is my heart's true treasure?

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2. How do I practice contentment and generosity in daily life?

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3. What steps can I take to focus more on heavenly rather than earthly riches?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on ways you can store up treasures in heaven.

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2. Write about your current attitude toward money and possessions.

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3. Plan concrete acts of generosity or stewardship.

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Day 3: 🗝️ Storing Up Treasures in Heaven

## Prayer for Today

**Gracious God**, help me to set my mind on things above and not be consumed by earthly wealth. Teach me contentment and the joy of generosity. May my heart be fully invested in Your kingdom, storing treasures that last forever. Strengthen my soul to resist the pull of greed and to embrace Your eternal promises. *Thank You for Your unfailing love.* Amen. ✨❤️🙏





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