**PARABLES: Truth Hidden In Plain Sight**

**“The Foolish Rich Man Teaches Us That…”**

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**Parable:** a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

**#1) …Jesus Focuses On The Majors, Not The Minors.**

***13****Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to* ***divide the inheritance*** *with me.”* ***14****Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an* ***arbiter between you****?”* Luke 12:13-14

**#2) … We Must Be On Guard Against Greed.**

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

*“****You shall not covet****your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”* Exodus 20:17

(Luke 16:13-15)

**#3) … God’s Abundance Is Not Always Intended To For “Ourselves”.**

***16****And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded* ***an abundant harvest****.* ***17****He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’* Luke 12:16-17

***18****“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my* ***barns*** *and build bigger ones, and there I will store my* ***surplus*** *grain.* Luke 12:18

***19****And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life* ***easy; eat, drink and be merry.****”’* Luke 12:19

**#4) You Can’t Take Your Wealth With You Into The Afterlife.**

***20****“But God said to him, ‘You* ***fool****! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have* ***prepared for yourself****?’* Luke 12:20

***13****Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on* ***business and make money.”******14****Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.****15****Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”****16****As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil.* James 4:13-16

**#5) We Are To Be Rich Toward God.**

***21****“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not* ***rich toward God****.”* Luke 12:13-21

**Jesus**: ***19****“****Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth****…****20****But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...****21****For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* Matthew 6:19-21

**Paul: *6****But godliness with contentment is great gain.****7For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.*** ***10****For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have* ***wandered from the faith****and pierced themselves with many griefs.* 1 Timothy 6:6-10