

Parable of the Rich Fool-Luke 12: 13-21 Sheldon Heights Bible Study

Song for the Lesson: I'll Be List'ning

When the Savior calls I will answer, When He calls for me I will hear; When the Savior calls I will answer, I'll be somewhere list'ning for my name. John 5:28

Scripture for the Lesson: Luke 12: 13-21

And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying,

The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

“What name do you want to be called by”

Sticks and Stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me.

Words can wound and even kill. But sometimes they break through pretense & expose things as they really are. Truth in labeling is sometimes an act of love, a harsh kindness we must hear.

What name Would God Call You? What name do you Want God To Call you?

Members directed to chat groups. (Designated songs with fool as subject)

High on the list of hurtful names is the word “fool,” especially when it is used by God. To be a fool in God’s eyes--is to have missed the point of life.

The remarkable thing is that the person God calls a fool, we would very often call a success, a person to be envied.

G-Section Greed

There is nothing inherently wrong with professional success, financial security, or personal property. But at some point, a follower of Jesus Christ crosses the line into enemy territory. Discussion _____

As the Lord has told us, we cannot be his disciples unless we say good-bye (Bye Bye) to allllll our possessions. Is there scripture that speaks to this or is Rich talking out the side of his neck (Cameo).

The Law of Navigation: Jesus Charts the Course for His Disciples (Luke 12)

Jesus provided good instruction for his disciples on issues such as anxiety, problem solving, greed, jealousy, and trusting God. Why these topics, because Jesus intended to navigate life for his followers, to teach them how to live successfully.

Who among you want to be a follower of Christ?

If we were to condense the Lord's perspective on success in life, we might say that success involves:
What

_____ : We must know the truth and accept it

_____ : We must find a need and fill it

_____ : We must face a challenge and meet it

_____ : We must lose our life to find it

_____ : We must develop a plan and follow it

_____ : We must discover God's will and obey it

_____ : We must find our talents and share it

_____ : We must be tenacious and finish well

What are you tenacious toward?

The Lord once told a group of Pharisees, described as people "who loved money," that what is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight. Luke 16:15

Could it be that Jesus detests what I aspire to?

Covetous: Mark by inordinate desire for wealth or possessions or another's possession. Col. 3:5
Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry

Philippians 3:7,8

Matthew 11:29

Greed—What Greed Incidents we Christians ought to be aware of.

Movie Examples Greed:

Do you love the Church or like the Church? What sacrifice would you do for the Church? Would you be willing to include the Church in your ____?

To Be Announced (TBA) Author words about this parable.