# **CARE This Week...**

February 9, 2025



### Parable of the Rich Fool

#### This week's lesson is about Luke 12:13-34.

'Jesus was teaching an enormous "crowd of many thousands" (Luke 12:1). He had spoken to them just moments earlier concerning their worth in God's sight. '

Suddenly, a man in the crowd called to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' (He interrupted Jesus.) Jesus replied, "Who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that? Watch out! Do not be greedy. Life is not about money and what you own." Then Jesus told a parable (a simple story with a lesson).

A farmer was very rich. His land was good. It produced a lot of crops. The crops filled up the barns, he couldn't get all his crops in the barns. He thought about his problem, and finally exclaimed, "I know—I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones! I will fill them up. And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'Friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink and be merry.'"

But God said to him, "Fool! Tonight you die. Then who will get it all?"

All the stuff he had was there but he had lost everything and his soul. This is why it's important to handle the 'stuff' in our life appropriately.

'Yes,' said Jesus, 'every man who gets rich on earth but not in heaven is a fool.'

Jesus said, "The farmer was selfish. He did not do anything for God. He worried only about taking care of himself and collecting things for himself."

Jesus was teaching His disciples and said, 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink. Do not worry or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

'So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Greed and worry are closely connected. Greed can never get enough, worry is afraid it will never have enough—neither have their eyes on Jesus.

Rather than greedily accumulating more and more stuff (like the 'rich fool' in the parable) let's seek heavenly treasure by keeping Jesus-focused.

Bible Verse: Seek His kingdom. Luke 12:31

**<u>Life Application</u>**: I will seek God, not earthly treasure.

### SATURDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

We had a terrific Bible study this past Saturday with the Wonderful 'Zoomers.'

Our lesson was over 'Parable of the Rich Fool.'

If you or a friend are interested in joining this Zoom Class you are welcome!

Contact Anita at <a href="mailto:anita.bruck@huntersglen.org">anita.bruck@huntersglen.org</a> or call 972-867-1610, x2025 to be added to the list.

We meet every Saturday at 9:30 am!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

## Saturday, February 22

CARE Game Night 6:00-8:30 PM



# Sunday, February 23

VBS Recruitment Rally 4:00-5:30 PM

Come hear all about VBS 2025 and how we're going to "discover the BIGNESS of God". If you'd like to volunteer for CARE VBS, contact Anita @ anita.bruck@huntersglen.org!

