Go Deeper

WEEK TWELVE: BIGGER BARNS, SMALLER SOULS

Hear the story. See the King. Answer the call. Luke 12:13-21

1. Jesus warns against all kinds of greed. Where has the desire for "just a little more" begun shaping your priorities or contentment?
2. The farmer thought only of "I," "my," and "mine." Where are you treating God's gifts as though they exist only for you?
3. The farmer planned for years he never received. What are you preparing for tomorrow while potentially neglecting what matters eternally?
4. Jesus calls us to be rich toward God. What do your financial decisions and daily priorities reveal about where you're placing your trust?

WEEKLY CALL

Identify one area where you've been trusting what you have more than the God who provides it.

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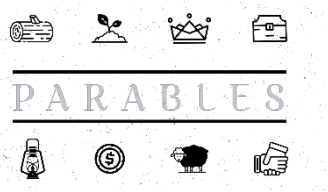

PRAYER GUIDE

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Luke 12:13-21

What am I trusting in, and what am I doing with what God has entrusted to me?

OPENING REFLECTION

This prayer guide will help you examine your heart, confess misplaced trust, and realign your life with Christ's kingdom priorities.

SECTION 1: ADORATION – RECOGNIZING GOD'S PROVISION

Scripture Meditation

"Every good and perfect gift is coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." - James 1:17 (NIV)

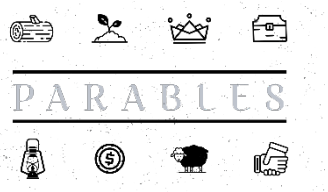
Guided Prayer Template

Begin by acknowledging God as the true source of all you have:

"Father, I come before You recognizing that everything I possess - my home, my work, my abilities, my relationships - all come from Your generous hand. You are the Creator and Provider of all things. I adore You for Your faithfulness, Your abundance, and Your perfect provision in my life."

Adoration Prompts

- Thank God for three specific blessings He has provided this year
- Praise God for His eternal nature - He was providing before you were born and will continue after you're gone
- Acknowledge God as King over your resources and your future



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SECTION 2: CONFESSION – EXAMINING MISPLACED TRUST

Scripture Meditation

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." - Luke 12:15 (NIV)

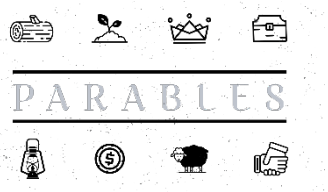
Guided Prayer Template

Be honest with God about where your heart has wandered:

"Lord, I confess that I have often trusted in what I own more than I trust in You. I have worried about my future as if my security depends on my bank account rather than on Your faithfulness. Forgive me for measuring my worth by what I possess and for allowing anxiety about money to pull my heart away from You."

Confession Prompts

- **Identify one area** where you've been building "bigger barns":
  - Your savings account
  - Your retirement plans
  - Your possessions or status
  - Your career advancement
  - Your sense of control
- **Confess specific actions** that reveal misplaced trust:
  - Anxiety about finances instead of prayer
  - Refusing to be generous because of fear
  - Neglecting relationships to earn more
  - Measuring success by material standards
- **Acknowledge the root issue**:
  - "I have been living as though my life depends on what I have rather than on the God who gives life"



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SECTION 3: THANKSGIVING – GRATITUDE FOR CHRIST'S PROVISION

Scripture Meditation

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which as members of one body you were called to peace." - Colossians 3:12, 15 (NIV)

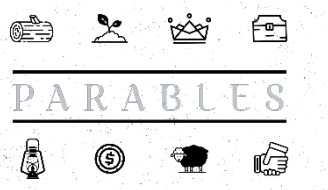
Guided Prayer Template

Express gratitude for what Christ has accomplished:

"Thank You, Jesus, for living the righteous life I could never live. Thank You for taking my sin to the cross and paying the price I deserved. Thank You for rising from the dead and offering me eternal life - a treasure that no barn, bank account, or possession could ever provide. Thank You for the security I have in You."

Thanksgiving Prompts

- Thank God for **forgiveness through Christ** - the ultimate security
- Thank God for **the Holy Spirit** who teaches you to live with kingdom priorities
- Thank God for **the promise of eternity** - something money cannot buy
- Thank God for **freedom from fear** because your future is in His hands



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SECTION 4: SUPPLICATION – REQUESTING GOD'S TRANSFORMATION

Scripture Meditation

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

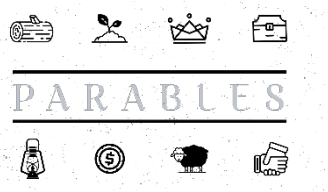
Guided Prayer Template

Ask God to reshape your priorities and trust:

"Father, help me to live with open hands rather than clenched fists around what I own. Give me wisdom to work hard and provide for my family while never allowing those responsibilities to become my ultimate focus. Teach me to be generous, to trust You with my future, and to measure my life by whom I belong to rather than by what I own."

Supplication Prompts

- **Request wisdom** for one specific financial decision you're facing
- **Ask for a generous heart** - pray for God to soften any resistance to giving
- **Pray for contentment** - ask God to help you be satisfied with what you have
- **Request courage** to take one practical step of faith this week
- **Ask for perspective** - pray that God will help you see your possessions as His, held in trust



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CLOSING PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, I surrender my life to You - not just my spiritual life, but my financial life, my career, my future, and everything I hold dear. Help me to remember that a full barn cannot save me, but You can. Teach me to build my life on the foundation of Your kingdom rather than on the shifting sand of material security. Give me grace to live generously, trust faithfully, and love You supremely. In Your precious name, Amen."

JOURNALING PROMPTS

Spend 2-3 minutes reflecting on these questions in a journal:

1. What is one "bigger barn" I've been building?** (Be specific about how this has consumed your time, energy, or focus)
2. How has this pursuit affected my relationship with God? (Has it created anxiety? Distracted me from prayer? Caused me to neglect family or church?)
3. What would change if I truly believed my security is in Christ, not in my possessions? (How would you make decisions differently? What would you stop worrying about?)
4. Who in my life needs to hear this message? (How might you share this truth with someone else?)
5. What does "being rich toward God" look like in my specific circumstances? (Given your current season of life, what would it mean to prioritize God's kingdom?)

PARABLES

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THIS WEEK'S "CALL"

Identify one area where you've been trusting what you have more than the God who provides it.

Complete these statements:

One area where I've been trusting what I have more than God _____

One practical step I will take this week to reflect trust in Christ: _____

(Specific action - could be an act of generosity, choosing contentment, or redirecting your focus)

How I will hold this commitment: _____

(Example: "I will review this commitment each morning" or "I will share this with an accountability partner")

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