



# PARABLES

## Rich Fool

Luke 12: 13-21

## Week 4

### Devotional

What things make a person successful in the eyes of our culture? Fame? Beauty? Wealth? Intelligence? A full schedule?

In a recent interview, a handsome, successful, intelligent, wealthy young actor freely admitted that he had no idea what he was doing; he said that his fame made him more insecure and that his wealth left him feeling empty. He had great insight—though he had no solutions to his problems, he could certainly define them!

Would we be as insightful? It's easy for us to think that we need to gain success by having more stuff, more social connections or more entertainment. We are desperately seeking to fill that God-shaped void inside us. Like the man in Jesus' story, we can think that even more places to store our stuff will improve our lives. Yet we all know this is not true!

The biblical message for the young man and for ourselves is that nothing here ultimately satisfies us outside of Christ Himself. We were not made for this world but for another world. The good news is that Jesus has made Himself known. He longs for us to know the Father intimately!

Seeking God is not some esoteric spiritual experience reserved for a few: It is the normal course of events for a person passionately in love! As we look expectantly for His hand in events, as we pay attention to His Word for direction and spend more time alone with Him, the constant chatter of our world fades; we become more and more able to hear His still, small voice and to know the truly satisfying nature of seeking and abiding in Him.

### The Scripture

Luke 12: 16-21

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

"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?'

This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

