

The Foolish Rich Man

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: Luke 12:13-21

Characters: Jesus, Rich man, God

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JESUS WARNED PEOPLE about being greedy. He told this story:

A rich farmer had a HUGE harvest! His barns were overflowing with grain. He had a problem—a good problem, he thought.

'What am I going to do with all this stuff?' he wondered.

'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build BIGGER ones! Then I'll store ALL my grain and everything I own. And I'll say to myself: "You've got it made! You have enough stuff to last for YEARS! Time to relax! Eat! Drink! Party!"'

The rich man thought he had everything figured out. He was going to enjoy his riches for a long, long time.

But that night, God spoke to him:

'You FOOL! Tonight you're going to DIE. Then who gets all your stuff?'

The rich man had spent his whole life collecting THINGS. But he forgot about what really matters. He wasn't 'rich toward God'—he never thought about loving God or helping others.

Now his life was over. And ALL those things? They meant NOTHING.

Jesus said this is what happens when people care more about stuff than about God.

Money and things aren't bad. But they can't save us. They don't last forever. Only the things we do for GOD and for OTHERS last forever.

Are you 'rich toward God'?

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