



# **BUILDING BIGGER BARNs**

## ***The Story of the Rich Fool***

*(Sermon by Ray Reynolds on 8/23/09 - AM)*

Text: Luke 12:13-21

Introduction: When you read this text, you notice that a man in the crowd interrupted Jesus' teaching (v.13). His discourse was probably not concluded. Jesus takes this opportunity to teach a lesson on greed and covetousness. Why do we have such a hard time with that concept? Let's study . . . .

Discussion:

### ***I. What Can We Learn About the Man Asking the Question?***

- A. He was determined to win a conflict.
- B. He was refused to give up his inheritance.
- C. He was not paying attention to Jesus' earlier teaching (vs.7-8).

**Matthew 6:33, Matthew 7:7**

### ***II. What Can We Learn About the Man Answering the Question?***

- A. Jesus can answer the tough questions.
- B. Jesus knew the man's heart and his intent.
- C. Jesus IS the answer for question.

**Matthew 5-7, II Timothy 6:6**

### ***III. What Can We Learn From The Story?***

- A. The farmer was blessed by God (v.16).  
**Ephesians 1:3**
- B. The farmer was selfish and covetous (v.17).  
**Proverbs 23:7**
- C. The farmer was ignorant (v.18).  
**James 4:14-16**
- D. The farmer was arrogant (v.19).  
**Luke 6:38, James 1:17**
- E. The farmer was foolish (v.20).  
**I Thessalonians 5:2, II Peter 3:10**
- F. The farmer was rebuked and punished (v.20).  
**Ecclesiastes 2:4-8.**
- G. The farmer learned a valuable lesson one day to late (v.21).  
**Matthew 6:19-21**
- H. The only three things, concerning money, that interests God:
  - 1. What did we do to obtain it?
  - 2. What is our attitude toward it?
  - 3. What are we going to do with it?

Conclusion: **Colossians 3:5-6** describes covetousness as idolatry. Remember that the rich man in this story was not an immoral man, he just loved money! Remember that **I Timothy 6:10** says that the "love of money" is the root of all kinds of evil. We are also guilty of depending upon tomorrow. Why? What can we do to change? We need to trust that God will take care of us. Then, we need to share our blessings. What can we do to please God? Consider the rest of this text (**Luke 12:22-40**). We should trust in God and make our treasures last for eternity! Express your love for God, Jesus Christ, your family, and the church. Let's strive for things that will last forever!!!

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