

The Illusion of Security

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Observations from Luke 12:13-21:

What is happening here?

- **The Inheritance Dispute:** v13-15
 - A man demands Jesus settle a family inheritance dispute.
 - Jesus redirects the conversation from earthly wealth to eternal security.
- **The Parable of the Rich Fool:** v16-21
 - A rich man's land produces abundantly.
 - Instead of thanking God, he plans to store more for himself.
 - He believes bigger barns = greater security.
- **The Rich Man's Mistake:** v19-20
 - Says "Relax, eat, drink, be merry." (Ecclesiastes 2:24, and 8:15)
 - Assumes wealth guarantees a long life.
 - God calls him a fool—his soul is required that very night.
- **The Final Lesson:** v21
 - He stored earthly treasures, but they fade away.
 - Jesus teaches that being "rich toward God" is the only true security.

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Lessons from Luke 12:13-21:

What can we learn (interpret) from this?

- **Covetousness Distracts from What Matters**
 - Focusing on what we lack keeps us from trusting God.
 - Supporting Verses: *James 4:13-15, Matthew 6:33, Luke 12:15*
 - **We Have Less Control Than We Think**
 - We *cannot* control the future. We **can** prepare for eternity.
 - Supporting Verses: *Proverbs 27:1, Ecclesiastes 5:10, Luke 12:20*
 - **True Security is in Being "Rich Toward God"**
 - *Worldly* wealth fades, but **eternal** wealth lasts forever.
 - True wealth is in salvation through Christ.
 - Supporting Verses: *1 Timothy 6:17-19, Matthew 6:19-21, Colossians 3:2*
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Application from Luke 12:13-21:

How can I apply / live this out?

- **Live Like the Ravens: Trust God's Provision**
 - Worry fades when we trust in God's care and live for him.
 - Supporting Verses: Luke 12:24, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 37:25
- **Walk Your Own Path With God, Not People**
 - Comparison steals joy; trust God's plan for you.
 - Supporting Verses: Galatians 6:4, Hebrews 12:2, 1 Samuel 16:7
- **Build for Eternity, Not Just for Now**
 - Invest in things that will last beyond this life.
 - Supporting Verses: Matthew 6:19-21, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Luke 12:21

Let us seek the riches of God's grace first.

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