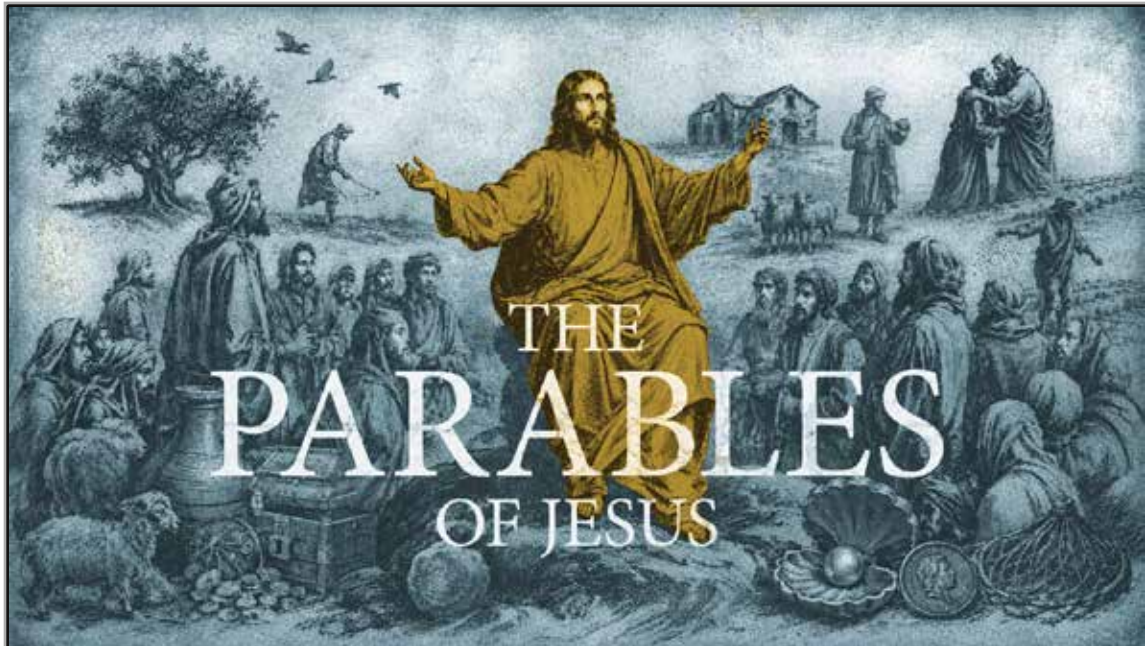


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More to the Story · Part 2

Luke 12:13–21

Why does Jesus talk so much about
money?

11 of the 39 parables of Jesus deal with
money and possessions.

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Money is a spiritual issue.

We cannot be wholehearted followers
of Jesus without it being reflected in
our personal finances.

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MONEY REPRESENTS:

- Security
- Comfort
- Pleasure
- Control & influence
- Identity & worth

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¹⁴The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

Luke 8:14 (NIV)

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Luke 8:14 (NIV)

Shortsighted

- 1 Watch Out
- 2 The Question We Never Ask
- 3 A Successful Failure
- 4 A Better Way: Rich Toward God
- 5 Bigger Barns or a Lasting Legacy

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1. Watch out for greed-a family fight and a warning

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¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”

¹⁵Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

Luke 12:13-15 (NIV)

Greed is hard to see in the mirror.

We call it being careful, being responsible, planning ahead, having contingencies.

²⁴“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

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Blindness to my own greed is part of the condition.

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2. The question we never ask:

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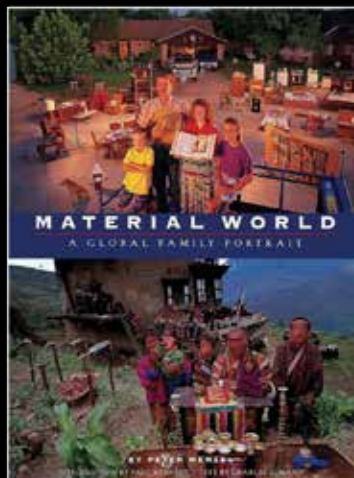
Luke 12:16-17 (NIV)

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Luke 12:16-17 (NIV)

Why do I have so much?

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How rich is “rich”?

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What people say it
takes to be rich: roughly
double what they make
now

Gallup

\$93,000

Average salary in Frisco,
2025

Payscale

\$192,519

Average household
income in Frisco, 2025

FriscoTexas.gov

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WHY DON'T WE FEEL RICH?

A. We compare ourselves with those
who have more. Height is relative.
So is wealth.

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WHY DON'T WE FEEL RICH?

- B. Our lifestyle chases our income. No matter how much we make, we never reach the point of saying, "I have enough."

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WHY DON'T WE FEEL RICH?

- C. Our wants become our needs. A lot of what we call needs were created by our wants.

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OUR CULTURE ASKS

**Why don't I have
MORE?**

THE QUESTION WE NEVER
ASK

**Why do I have
EXTRA?**

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3. A successful failure-three
shortsighted assumptions

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Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)

And there I will store my surplus grain.

¹⁹And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." '

²⁰"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?'

Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)

²¹“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)

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Luke 12:16-21 (NIV) Last of 3

Who is he talking to?

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Luke 12:17-19 (NIV)

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FOOL · APHRŌN - without
perspective – foolish - shortsighted

God is not in the conversation.
No one else is, either.

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¹The fool says in his heart,
“There is no God.”
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.

Psalms 14:1 (NIV)

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Psalms 14:1 (NIV)

Assumption 1:

A. He assumed he was the source of
his own abundance.

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¹⁷You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.”

¹⁸But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth,

Deuteronomy 8:17-18a (NIV)

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Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁴“Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

1 Chronicles 29:14b (NIV)

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1 Chronicles 29:14 (NIV)

Assumption 2:

- B. He assumed the abundance was for him. "If I have extra, the extra must be for me."

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Assumption 3:

- C. He assumed an abundance of stuff meant an abundance of years. No barn is big enough to store up time.

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¹³Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” ¹⁴Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

James 4:13-14 (NIV)

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James 4:13-14 (NIV)

THE OPPORTUNITY HE MISSED

“God, why have you given me this abundance? How can I steward it in a way that honors you?”

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4. A Better Way - Being rich towards God.

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If the purpose of your life is your own accumulation and comfort, you will miss why God put you here on this earth.

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The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It's far greater than your family, your career, or even your dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were put on this planet, you must begin with God. You are here by His purpose and for His purpose.
”
Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

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¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸Command them to do good,

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

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1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV) 1 of 2

To be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

PRINCIPLE 1

A. We are blessed so that we can be a blessing.

²“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
³I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be blessed
through you. Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

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Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

PRINCIPLE 2

B. God gives to us generously so that
we can give generously to God and
others.

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⁸Freely you have received; freely give.

Matthew 10:8b (NIV)

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Matthew 10:8 (NIV)

¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,

2 Corinthians 9:11a (NIV)

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2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

PRINCIPLE 3

C. How we handle our blessings is a stewardship.

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⁴⁸From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Luke 12:48b (NIV)

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Luke 12:48 (NIV)

Honor God first: Give. Save. Live off the rest.

10%

Give

10%

Save

80%

Live

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Have you adjusted your lifestyle in order to honor God and bless others?

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Becoming a planned, percentage giver

1

Pick a percentage

2

Pick a frequency

3

Start immediately

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Generous Americans tend to be happier, healthier, and have a greater sense of purpose.

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Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson, *The Paradox of Generosity*

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5. Bigger barns or a lasting legacy?
Jesus contrasts the rich fool with
the good Samaritan.

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The Rich Fool



The Good Samaritan

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THE RICH FOOL

Had margin.
Used it for himself.
Built bigger barns.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Had margin.
Used it to bless
someone else.
Built a lasting legacy.

"Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37

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¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

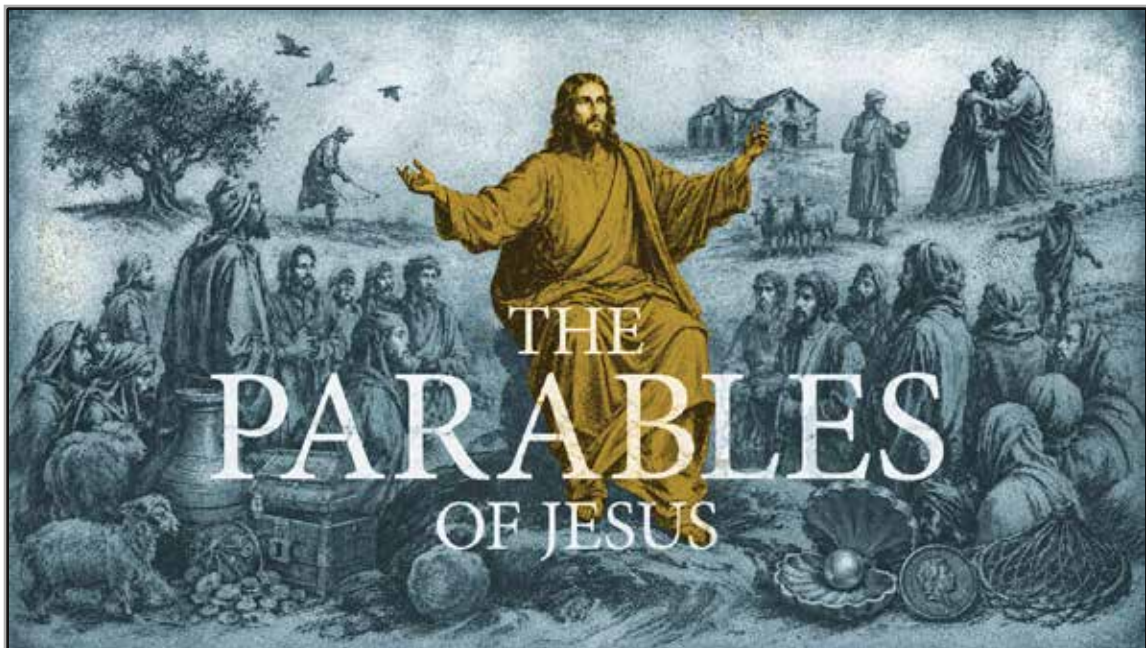
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Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

You make a living by what you get.

**You make a life by what
you give.**

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