

Sunday, July 18, 2021
“Stories of Kingdom Grace”
Summary of ‘Fools, Rich and Poor’
Luke 12:13-31
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By way of the parable of the rich fool, Christ poignantly taught the folly of a life lived for earthly goods. It is a story about a wealthy landowner who made two fundamental mistakes. First, he thought too much about himself; second, he thought too little about the future. Cleverly Jesus painted the picture of the man’s selfishness. Using a descriptive string of first-person pronouns (vv17-19), Jesus pointed out the foolishness and fallacy of the man’s obsession with himself and his success, and his failure to realize the temporary nature of life – or even the ultimate source of all good things. Jesus painted a picture of arrogant self-satisfaction. And before the crowd could envy the landowner, they discovered what a fatal mistake he had made. There are far too many variables in life for anyone to have this kind of certainty.



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