

Parable of the Wealthy Man- February 7

Parents: In a world bent on enticing kids with the trendiest fashions, newest tech gadgets, and tastiest treats, how can families equip their children to view money in a God pleasing way? Let's take a look at what Jesus had to say.



Read: Luke 12:13-21 The Parable of the Wealthy Man

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

14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15

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

16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And 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?' 21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Discuss: What does Jesus tell the crowd to watch out for? *Greed—a selfish desire to gather as many things for ourselves as possible.*

The rich man thought if he stored enough food he could take life easy and focus on himself. Was this pleasing to God? *No, The man was storing up things just for himself. He wasn't thinking about God or others at all.*

What do you think the difference is between worshipping wealth or worshipping with our wealth? *Worshipping wealth means to place money or things above Jesus. Worshipping with our wealth means to selflessly give what we have to Jesus.*

Jesus sacrificed everything for us by going to the cross. How can we give what we have to Jesus? *There are so many ways! Out of thankfulness, we can give money, time, and talents to a neighbor in need. We can serve at church or in our community just to name a few.*

Key Point: Serve Jesus Above Things

Serve Jesus (Take flat hands with the palms facing up and move back and forth, next, point to center of one palm)

Above All Things (Raise both hands and sweep outward)

Family Activity: Take the CWLK Kids Be Generous Challenge. Over the month, complete the items on the list below out of a generous and thankful heart.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for being so generous. Forgive us when we're not content and focus on trying to get more things. Help us show our gratitude for You by serving others. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize Luke 12:15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."



Make this a month of generosity!



Take the **CWLK Kids Be Generous Challenge!**

With this list full of fun and simple acts of kindness, make memories together as you serve the Lord by serving & encouraging others. Complete the list, in any order, by the end of the month.

- ___ Pray for someone
- ___ Write a poem or draw a picture for a far away relative
- ___ Tell one person you are close to what you love about them
- ___ Talk to someone new
- ___ Bake, buy treats, or leave a Valentine for a friend/neighbor
- ___ Over dinner, share "Who did you help today? Who helped you?"
- ___ Leave an uplifting note w/ sidewalk chalk or leave a thank you note to the mail carrier
- ___ Give money to church or drop off clothing at a local donation organization
- ___ Get creative! This is what I did to serve the Lord: _____

We completed the **Be Generous Challenge!**

Bring the list back to a CWLK Kids teacher or snap a pic and email it to noelle@cwlk.church.
We always enjoy receiving photos of your family in action, too!

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



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