

The Parable of the Rich Fool Luke 12:13 – 23

This parable is found only in **Luke**.

Let's first read the preamble to the parable in **Luke 12:13 – 15**.

Why would the man approach Jesus to resolve the conflict with my brother?

How do we approach Jesus in a similar fashion?

Considering that Jesus will judge all of mankind at his second coming and is able to impart perfect justice, why would He refuse to heed the man's request in verse 13?

What is Jesus saying to all of us in verse 15?

How does Jesus' response work to resolve the man's issue with his brother?

Let's now read the parable and the beginning of Jesus' explanation of the parable in **Luke 12:16 – 23**.

What do verses 16 and 17 tell us about the man and more importantly his heart?

How do verses 18 - 19 reinforce what we have discussed about his heart?

How does society have the same attitude?

How do we know whether we do or do not have this attitude?

What is Jesus saying in verses 20 – 21?

What does it mean to be rich toward God?

How do we guard against having the same attitude as the rich man?

Many translations put a heading/divisional marker between verse 21 and 22 but what does the text indicate and what could be the inadvertent problem with that?

How do verses 22 – 23 illuminate the difference between the Rich Fool and the Christian who loves and trusts in Jesus?

How does Luke 11:42 help provide a check and balance on our attitude? (No pun intended 😊)?

Later in his discourse on the message of this parable, read what Jesus says in **Luke 12:32 – 34**. How do we implement that and yet be “responsible” in planning for retirement?
