

Luke 12:16-21 *(New King James Version)*

The Parable of the Rich Fool

- 16** Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.
- 17** And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’
- 18** So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.
- 19** And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.” ’
- 20** But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’
- 21** “So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”