

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 19, 2023

### Did You Get My Text? Understanding Some of the Most Misunderstood Stories in the Bible “The Rich Fool”

**Scripture:** St. Luke 12:15-21 (Common English Bible)

<sup>15</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one’s life isn’t determined by one’s possessions, even when someone is very wealthy.”

<sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “A certain rich man’s land produced a bountiful crop. <sup>17</sup>He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! <sup>18</sup>Then he thought, Here’s what I’ll do. I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That’s where I’ll store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup>I’ll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.

<sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?’ <sup>21</sup>This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren’t rich toward God.”



## ~ SERMON NOTES ~

Like most of the parables that Jesus told, the emphasis here is on practical application. This man had devoted his life to acquiring goods. Now it was time for him to die. What would happen to the goods? What was the point of his life? These questions raise three important points we need to be aware of:

**The tragic thing about The Rich Fool was not his wealth, but...**

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**The Rich Fool never discovered ...**

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**The Rich Fool was foolish because he neglected...**

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