

# INVESTING WISELY

## How To Be Rich Toward God

### A STORY ABOUT A RICH GUY WHO MADE A REALLY STUPID DECISION

Luke 12:13-21

### THE FOOL AND HIS BIGGER BARN

The problem was not his wealth or bigger barn  
Proverbs 21:20/ 1 Timothy 6:17/ Ecclesiastes 5:19

The problem was his greed and spiritual poverty  
Luke 12:15, 20-21/ 1 Timothy 6:9-10

### GREED'S TOP THREE EARLY WARNING SIGNS

(1) When my self-esteem is based on my possessions  
Luke 12:15

(2) When my security is based on my net worth  
Luke 12:19/ James 4:13-16

(3) When my stuff is "my stuff"  
Luke 12:16-19/ Ecclesiastes 5:19/ Acts 5:3

### GREED'S SIMPLE CURE

(1) Never look down on those with less  
1 Timothy 6:17/ Proverbs 6:16-19/ Proverbs 16:18

(2) Plan on losing it or leaving it behind  
1 Timothy 6:17/ Luke 12:20-21/ James 4:13-16

(3) Lead with generosity  
1 Timothy 6:18-19/ Proverbs 3:9-10/ Matthew 6:19-21/ 2 Corinthians 9:9-11

## TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back at this week's sermon, which of "Greed's Simple Cures" is most important for you to remember and why?

2. Jesus summed up our job description as his followers down to this: Love God with all you've got and love others as you love yourself. (Paraphrase of Matthew 22:35-40.) We also know that "what we do throughout the year is far more important than anything we'll ever do on a weekend." Take some time to think and pray about where we go from here and how we can continue to do what God wants us to do. Jot down some of your ideas here:



Most of the organizations we worked with for Weekend of Service are ones we partner with year-round. To see how you can get involved with them over the summer and into the fall, check out our Community Service website at [northcoastcommunityservice.org](http://northcoastcommunityservice.org).

Here are some special needs we have right now:

### **Michaëlle House**

*Michaëlle House provides a warm and caring home where men and women disabled by HIV/AIDS can receive comprehensive care services to rebuild their health and return to independent living. Choose a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and sign up online to provide a meal for 12 residents.*

### **StandUp for Kids**

*StandUp for Kids' mission is to help homeless and street kids stabilize and improve their lives. Choose a date online and drop off a meal for*

40 teens at their facility in downtown Oceanside.

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## Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 22, 2011

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**QUICK REVIEW:** Take a look at your sermon notes from this week. Was there a point in the sermon that challenged you, caught your attention or even confused you?

### MY STORY

1. Can you think of a time when somebody helped you out, served you, or met a need of yours that you couldn't meet on your own? If so, how did it feel and how did you respond?

What difference, if any, did it make in your life?

2. Have you ever had the feeling that God was nudging you to give, help someone or do something that was outside your comfort zone? What typically goes through your head in those times? If you have an example, consider sharing it with your group.

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. There aren't too many people who'd want to be known as greedy or stingy with their time, money or possessions, similar to the Rich Fool from this weekend's teaching. That's why the enemy works subtly, yet powerfully, to blind us to the benefits and simplicity of generosity and serving others. What motivations and/or strategies do the following verses give to encourage us to be generous and serve others?

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Galatians 6:9-10

Matthew 25:31-46

Which of these verses catches your attention the most and why?

2. God's compassion for others is an important model (and additional motivation) to be generous and sacrificially serve those in need. How would you rate your compassion factor on a scale of 1-10? (My rating = \_\_\_\_\_). Would you say your compassion factor has changed over the years? If so, explain.

As you read the following verses about God's compassion, write down how each passage might help you improve or sustain your rating.

Micah 7:18-19

Jonah 3:1-10

Unfortunately, Jonah was not able to see God's compassion and he let it shape his life. Check out Jonah 4:1-3. Is there anything in your life that could keep you from being a more compassionate person?

3. We heard this weekend that the cure for greed is to focus on being "Rich Toward God." How does Micah 6:8 expand and/or affirm what we typically mean when it comes to being "Rich Toward God"?

As you look at the three statements of what God cares about in this passage, how would each of those look at your workplace, home, or social environment? Which of these environments is it easiest to live out?