

I. Setting

- A. Jesus teaching his disciples among the crowds
- B. Incident: a squabble over inheritance, and a request for arbitration
- C. Jesus responds with a parable

II. Portrait of a fool

- A. A rich landowner makes enough to retire on
- B. He decides to build bigger barns and enjoy himself for life
- C. God responds: You fool! What makes this man a fool? (Psalm 14:1)
- D. His decision to hold and enjoy his wealth comes at the expense of others
- E. Our culture respects savings, investment, and especially consumption.
- F. What counts as wealth? crops, barns and storehouses, food, drink, clothing, salable possessions

III. Do not seek, nor be worried

- A. Jesus starts with a clear example of a rich fool, then he calls us to consider whether we are remembering God with our possessions.
- B. Don't be anxious about food and clothing. Why?
- C. Key verses: 29, 30
 - i. do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink/for the nations of the world seek after these things
 - ii. nor be worried/your Father knows that you need them

IV. Where is your treasure?

- A. It's easy to see where *our* treasure is as a society.
- B. Do we store up riches without being rich toward God?
- C. Some diagnostic questions ...
 - i. What is the source of your comfort in everyday life?
 - ii. What is the source of your security?
 - iii. What do you seek? (remember, desire and practical pursuit)

V. Rich toward God

- A. The fate of the fool
- B. It's not enough to *not* seek for our needs, and *not* worry (vv. 29-30): we need to "instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you," (v. 31)
- C. What does it mean to seek the kingdom? (see Matthew 6:33)
- D. Cross-bearing with our possessions. (Acts 2ff.; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Luke 12:21; Revelation 3:17)
- E. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God is unspeakably rich toward us. (2 Timothy 1:12)