

Find the Ultimate Treasure

Luke 9:51-62 | Dominic Steele

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

1 Start the Ultimate Relationship

2 Find the Ultimate Treasure

3 You fool !

i it's foolish to live for assets

ii it's foolish to ignore God

iii it's foolish to ignore reality of death and accountability

4 How to be wise !

i it's wise to be on guard against greed

ii it's wise to be rich toward God

iii it's wise to recognise reality of death and accountability

5 Start the Ultimate Relationship

A Suggested prayer

Dear God,

I've been a fool and I want to be wise.

Foolishly, I've been living for me - and I'm sorry.

Foolishly, I've been ignoring you - and I'm sorry.

Foolishly, I've been living as if I'd never die - and I'm sorry.

I acknowledge that I will die and be judged.

Thanks that Jesus has paid for my foolishness.

Please help me to live wisely, and to be rich towards you God.

Amen.