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Thinking About Money

*“Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’*

**14** *Jesus replied, ‘Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?’* **15** *Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’*

**16** And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest.  
**17** He 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 my surplus grain.  
**19** And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain 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 whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.' **22** Then Jesus said to his disciples: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

**23** For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. **24** Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! **25** Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? **26** Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? **27** Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

**28** If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! **29** And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. **30** For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. **31** But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

**32** Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Luke 12:13-34).

**The Big Idea:**  
*If I CARE about  
what God CARES about,  
He'll take CARE of me.*



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(Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:16; Hebrews 9:27)

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**Rich Toward God**

**Always Equals**

**Generous Toward Others.**



“There are two ways in which a Christian may view his money — ‘How much of my money shall I use for God?’ or ‘How much of God's money shall I use for myself?’” - W. Graham Scroggie (1877-1958)

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“The real measure of our wealth is how much we'd be worth if we lost all our money.” - J. H. Jowett



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