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GIVE JOYFULLY

A man in the crowd said to Jesus: “Teacher tell my brother to divide with me the property our father left us.”

Jesus answered him, “Man, who gave me the right to judge, or to divide the property between you two?” And he went on to say to them all, “Watch out, and guard yourselves from all kinds of greed; because a man’s true life is not made up of the things he owns, no matter how rich he may be.”

Then Jesus told them this parable, “A rich man had land which bore good crops. He began to think to himself, ‘I don’t have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? This is what I will do,’ he told himself, ‘I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods. Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?’”

NOTES

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LEARN BY HEART

“Give to others, and God will give to you; you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands - all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one God will use for you.”

(Luke 6:38)

PRACTICAL WORK

- Give offerings, tithes, help, time, etc., joyfully and generously, and teach your family to do the same. We give for the work of the local church, for missionary work and for the needy.
- Using the drawing, tell your family and friends the parable of the rich fool, and the story of the man who, because of his riches, would not follow Jesus Christ.

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And Jesus concluded, “This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God’s sight.”

(Luke 12:13-21)

A Jewish leader asked Jesus, “Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not lie; honor your father and mother.’” The man replied, “Ever since I was young I have obeyed all the commandments.”

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still need to do one thing. Sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me.” But when the man heard this he became very sad, because he was very rich. Jesus saw that he was sad and said, “How hard it is for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God! It is much harder for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.”

The people who heard him asked, “Who, then, can be saved?”

Jesus answered, “What is impossible for men, is possible for God.”

Then Peter said, “Look! We have left our homes to follow you.”

“Yes,” said Jesus, “and I tell you this: anyone who leaves home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the Kingdom of God will receive much more in this present age, and eternal life in the age to come.”

(Luke 18:18-30)

Why did Christ call a rich man “fool”?

What did the other rich man love more than Jesus?

Why is it difficult for a rich man to enter heaven?

Could your possessions put you in danger? _____

The desire to own many things can make us forget Christ. The apostle exhorts us to give, not because we are supposed to, but rather, willingly. God loves a cheerful giver. He blesses the generous giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)

Do you give cheerfully? Please note your plans:

“As Jesus sat near the temple treasury he watched the people as they dropped in their money. Many rich men dropped in much money; then a poor widow came along and dropped in two little copper coins, worth about a penny. He called his disciples together and said to them, ‘I tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had - she gave all she had to live on.’”

(Mark 12:41-44)

Jesus Christ measures offerings according to what is left after ‘giving!’

God blesses us when:

- ☐ we give only what we have left over.
- ☐ we give in love, cheerfully.