

The Rich Fool

As Jesus was teaching people about God, someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in a large amount of possessions." He then told the people of a story to help them to understand.

Once upon a time there was a certain rich man who had a very big farm. There was a great harvest that year and his workers gathered lots of grain. "How blessed I am! I am rich!" Exclaimed the rich man.

Suddenly, one of his workers came to him and said, "Sir, you've had such a good harvest. Can you spare a few bags of grain for our families?"

To which the rich man replied, "No, I have to keep all I have for myself!" Then he thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

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 leftover grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

But God said to him, "You fool! Tonight you will die. Then what are you going to do with everything that you have stored up?" That night, the rich man died in his sleep and he had to leave it all behind. He could not take all of those riches with him.

Jesus explained that the only way you can take your money with you when you die is if you send it on ahead. Be tithing - sharing it with others.