

Today's Message

03-27-2022



Luke 12:13-21

And he told them this parable:

"The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

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

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What is a fool?



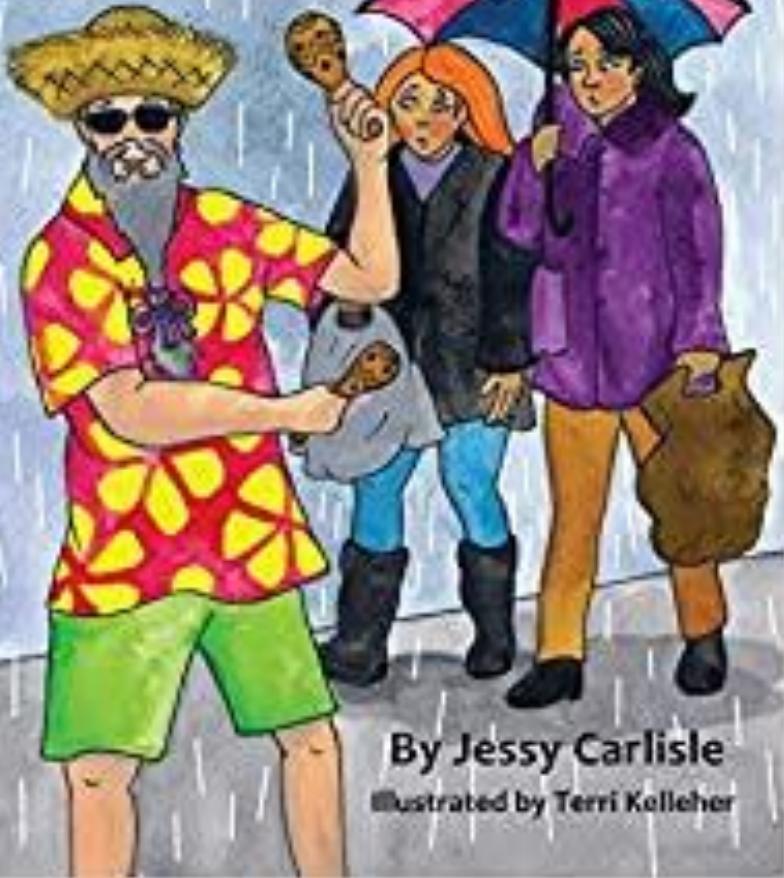
A fool is one who has no brain, and cannot think



Question



Am I a Fool?



Can I think?



What is **rich**?



Modern Literal Definition

Rich (wealthy): having a great deal of money or assets.



Assets



Do you like Fool or Rich?



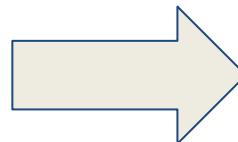
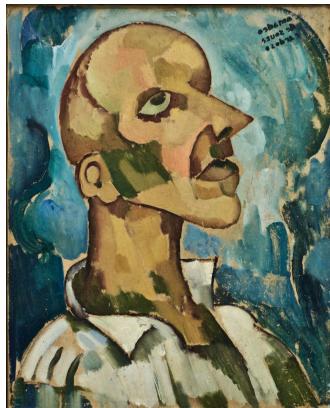
I don't like to be fool.



I like to be rich.

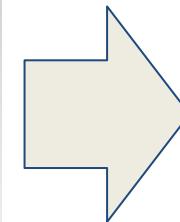
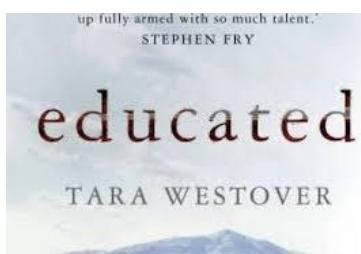
Relationship Between Rich and Fool

Usually, a fool leads to be poor.



Relationship Between Rich and Fool

Usually, education leads to be rich.



Relationship Between Rich and Fool

Most people love to be rich, because the rich also represents well education rather than a fool.



Today, we are going to learn a parable of the rich fool. To see how Jesus looked at the ‘rich’ and ‘fool.’



Luke 12:16-21

And he (Jesus) told them this parable:

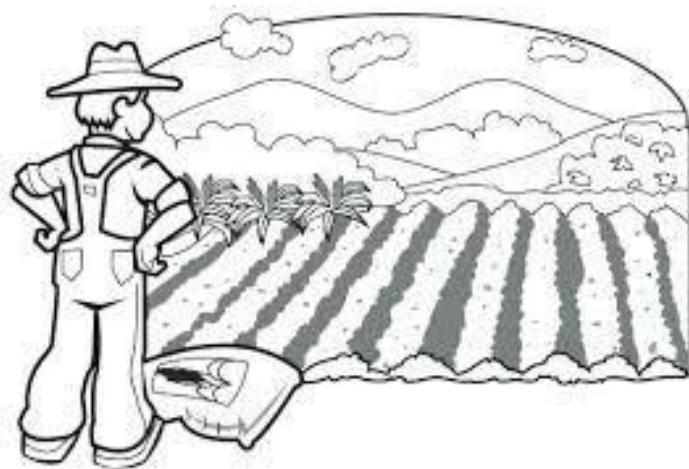


The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest



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,



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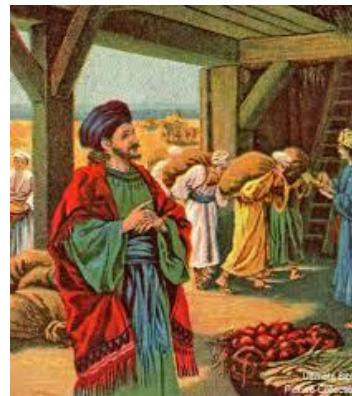
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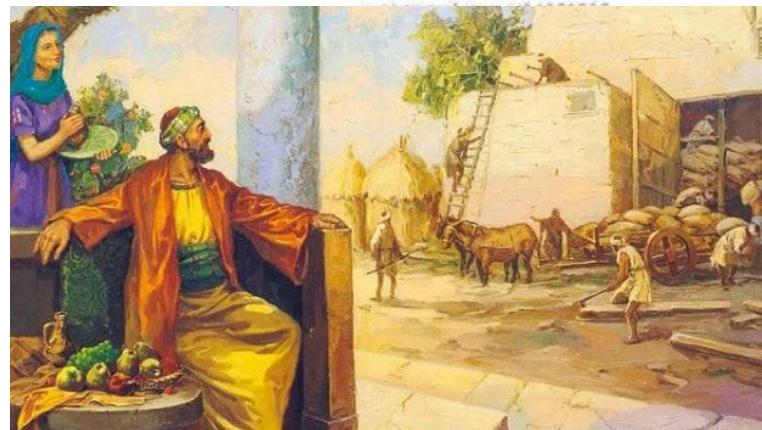
and there I will
store my surplus
grain.



And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years."



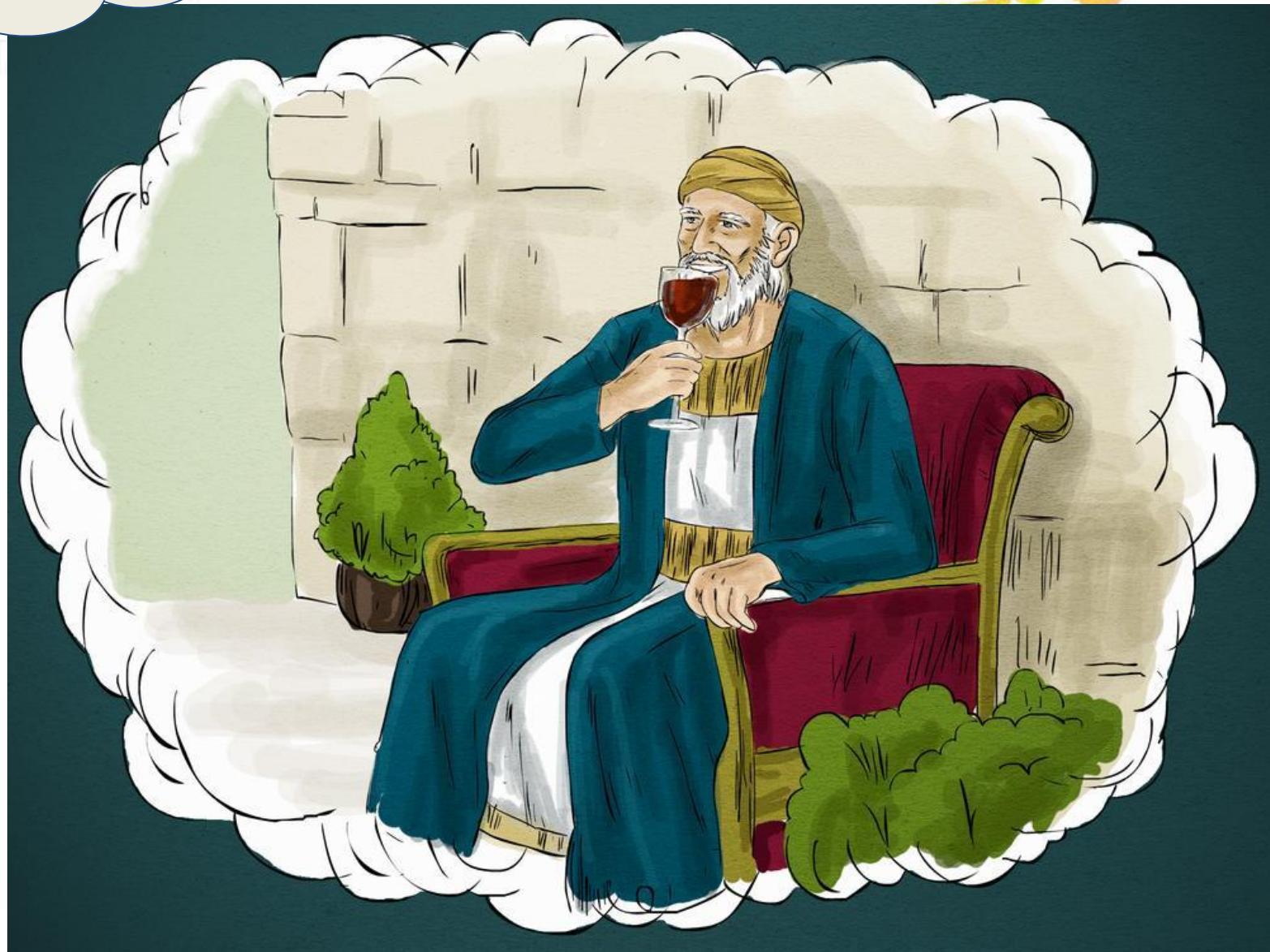
Take life
easy;



eat,



drink,

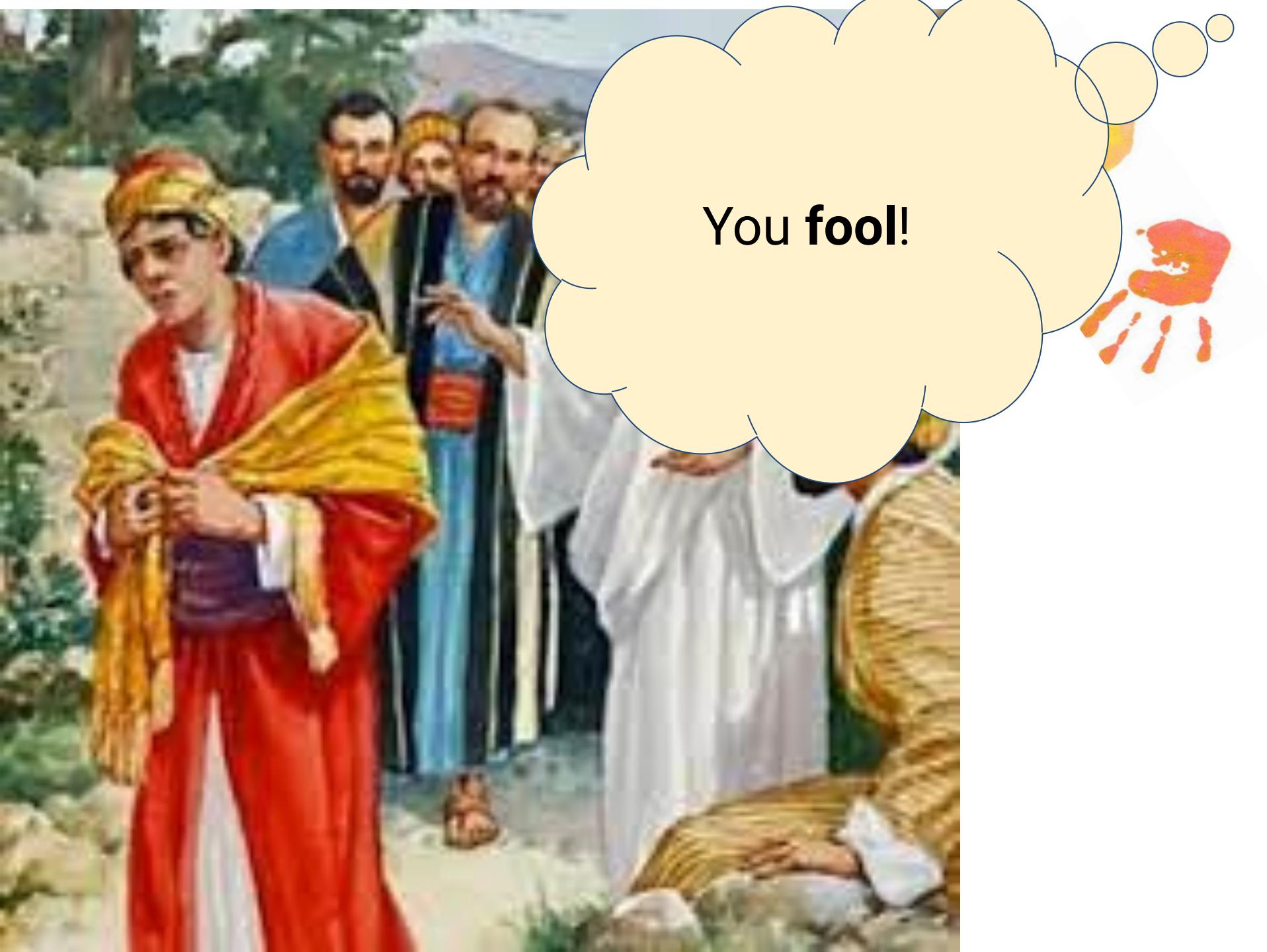


be merry;

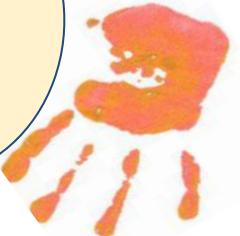


But God said to him,





You fool!





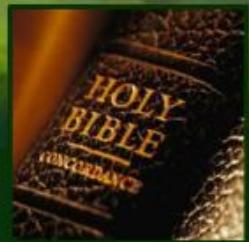
This very night your
life will be
demanded from
you.



Then who will get
what you have
prepared for
yourself?

Luke 12:20-21

But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ ²¹ “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”



Many are like this rich fool, enjoying this life, but not preparing for eternity...

What can we learn from the Parable of the Rich Fool?

In the parable, the rich fool has brain and can think a lot, but the Lord still called him fool.



Why?

Because the rich man did not think of God.



The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.



(Pro9:10 NIV)



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Proverbs 9:10

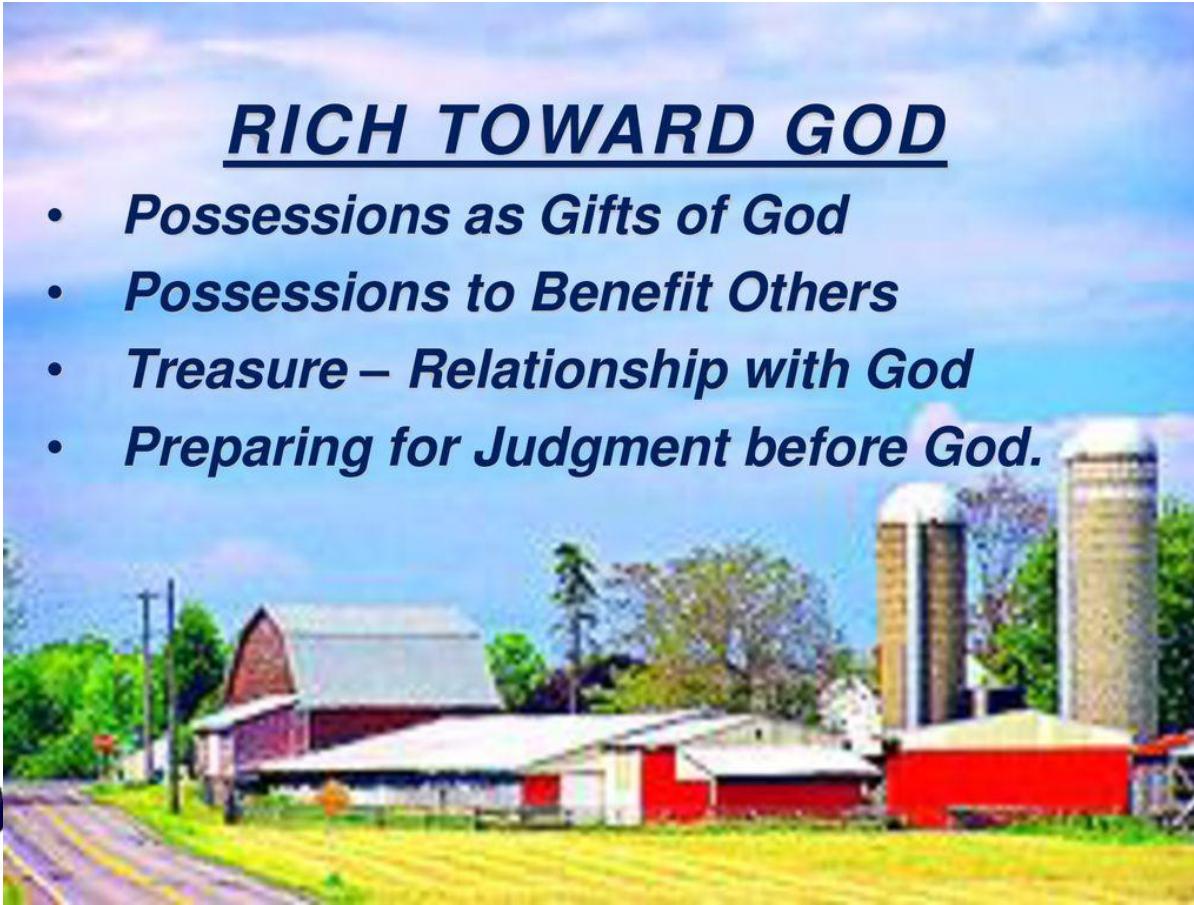
Those who are well educated but
do not know the Lord are fool.



Educated Fool



What can we learn from the Parable of the Rich Fool?



RICH TOWARD GOD

- *Possessions as Gifts of God*
- *Possessions to Benefit Others*
- *Treasure – Relationship with God*
- *Preparing for Judgment before God.*





Do not be a rich fool.
But be rich toward God.



What can we learn from the Parable of the Rich Fool?

Jesus said:

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?

Matthew 6:25-26

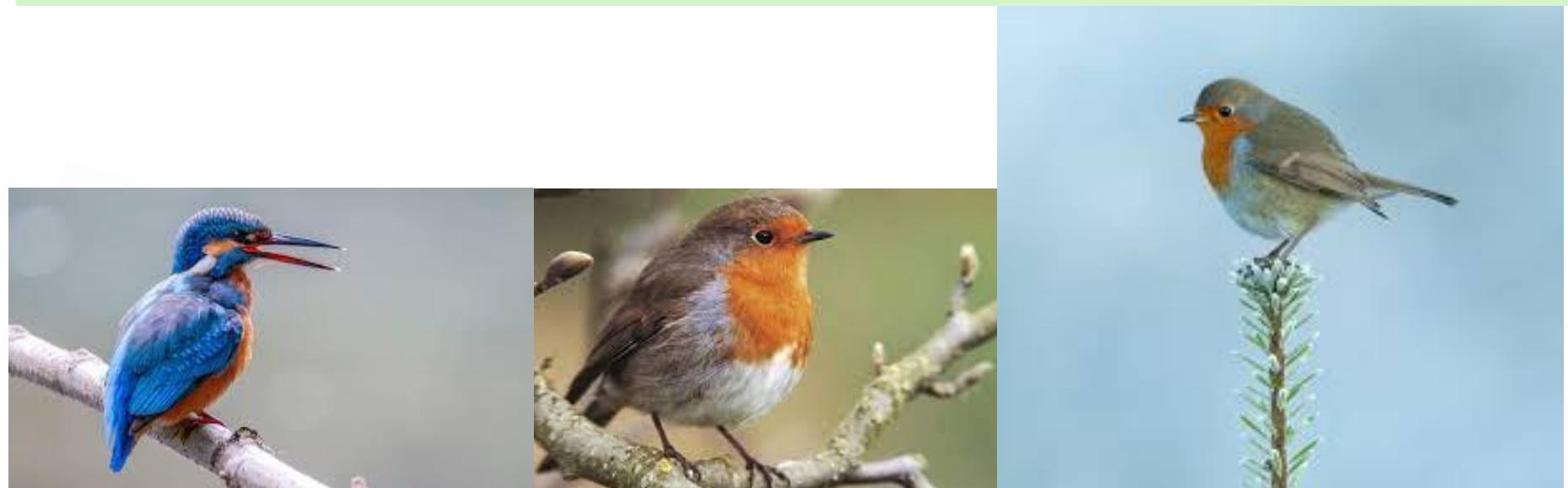


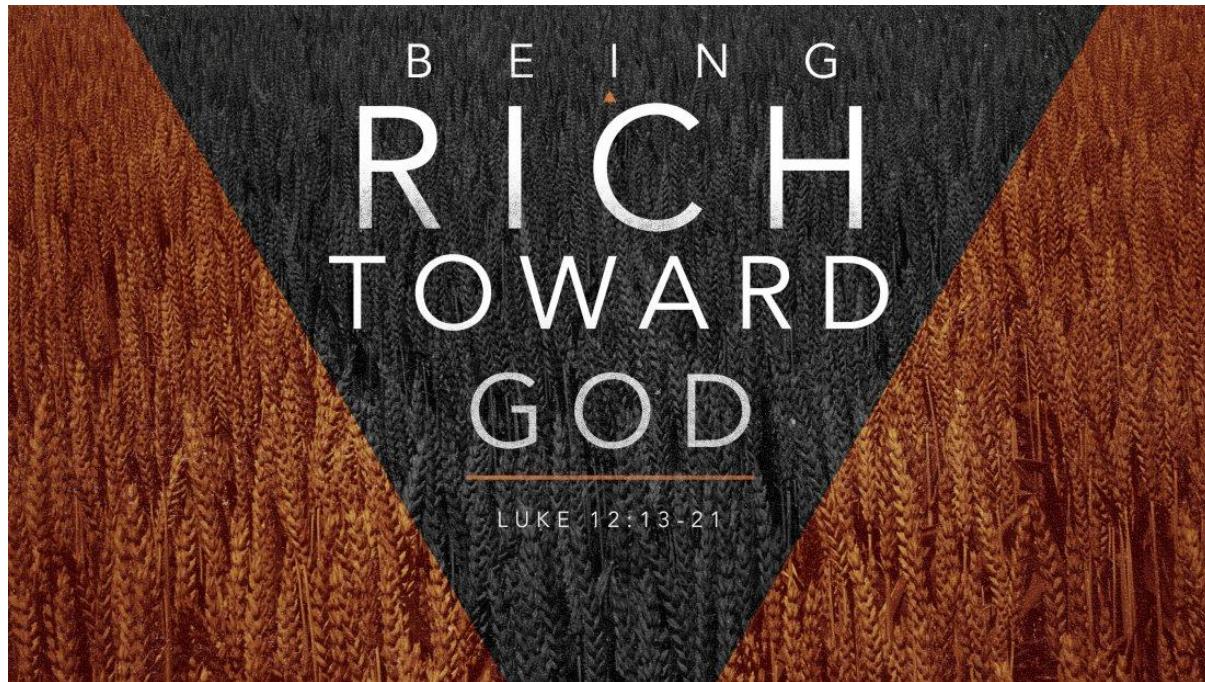
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Jesus said:

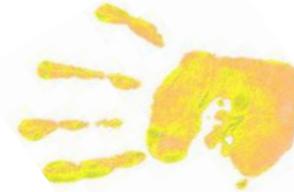


Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Matthew 6:26





Let us pray



Heavenly Father,

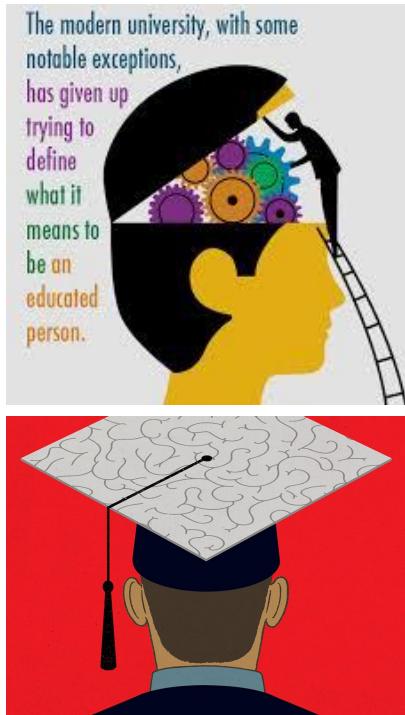
Thank you for your Words. Thank you for your providence that is more than what we wanted and desired. We love you and we want to follow you.

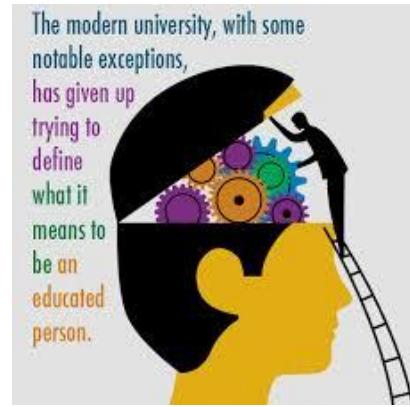
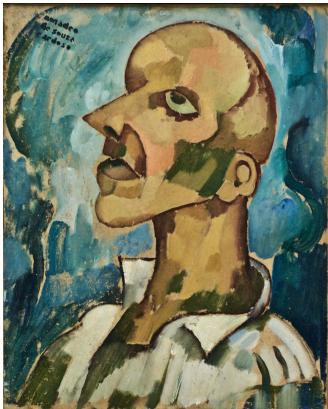
We ask you to forgive our sin our greedy. May your holy spirit fill us to love neighbors as you love us, especially be generous for those who are in poverty.

May your Kingdom come and your name be glorified. Pray in name of Jesus, Amen

End







The modern university, with some notable exceptions, has given up trying to define what it means to be an educated person.

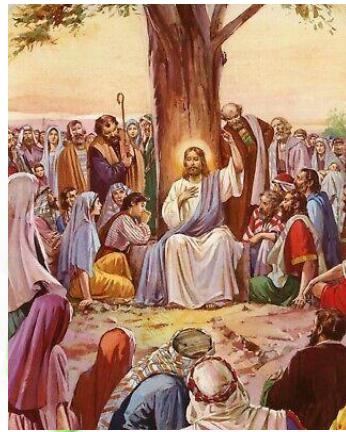




And the Lord said,



Rich toward self,
or rich toward God?



RICH

Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."



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."

