

# Daily Reflections

The Divine Intervention

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## *Scripture*

### **Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,  
"Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me."  
He replied to him,  
"Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?"  
Then he said to the crowd,  
"Take care to guard against all greed,  
for though one may be rich,  
one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable.

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.  
He asked himself, 'What shall I do,  
for I do not have space to store my harvest?'  
And he said, 'This is what I shall do:  
I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.  
There I shall store all my grain and other goods  
and I shall say to myself, 'Now as for you,  
you have so many good things stored up for many years,  
rest, eat, drink, be merry!'"

But God said to him,  
'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;  
and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?  
Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself  
but is not rich in what matters to God.'

## *Our Scripture Reflection*

After opening Chapter 12 with Jesus' teaching on possessions and trust in The Father's providential care, he gives us two separate but related teachings on wealth and possessions.

In the first one, Jesus refuses to get involved in a family dispute over inheritance. Instead, he exhorts the disputing parties (and us) on the danger of greed.

Second, He tells a story about a rich but foolish land owner who is full of himself because of everything he has accomplished and owns. What is the man's problem? The repetitive use of the pronoun "I". In the man's delusional thinking, everything he has, everything he has accomplished was the result of what he has done. Not once does he credit God for the gifts of health, intelligence and life which have been the reason for his vast wealth. Not once has the man looked over his shoulder and noticed a neighbor in need who might have been less fortunate. Death, however, will change everything. Please note, Jesus does not condemn the man for his wealth. He teaches us that the attitude of the heart towards one's wealth is what determines one's eternal destiny.

## *Food for your Journey*

The real measure of our wealth is how much we would be worth if we lost our money.

—J.H. Jowett.

## *Prayer from the Heart*

Dear Jesus, I thank You and praise You for all that You have given me in this life. Help me to be mindful of those who, not through their fault, have nothing. Amen.