



“A SUCCESSFUL FOOL”

Series: “GUT CHECK PARABLES”, Part 1 of 3

Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Luke 12

Big Idea: If we succeed at everything else, but don't prepare our soul to meet God, we are truly a colossal failure.

GUT CHECK: “An evaluation or test of a person's resolve, commitment, or priorities, typically with respect to a particular course of action.” The Oxford Dictionary

Luke 12:13, Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Luke 12:14-15, 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; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Luke 12:16-21, 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'll 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.” “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?’ “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

THREE FALSE CONCLUSIONS

I. MATERIAL POSSESSIONS ARE INHERENTLY BAD.

1 Timothy 6:9-10, People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

II. ALL RICH PEOPLE ARE SELFISH PIGS.

III. SAVING MONEY IS A BAD IDEA.

Proverbs 21:20, "In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has."

Proverbs 13:11, "Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow."

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Ecclesiastes 5:15, "Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand."