

CHASING CARROTS - PART 2: ACCUMULATION

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

Most of us wouldn't mind being rich! But most of us don't feel rich! Because we want to be rich but don't feel rich we continue to pursue rich (and it's amazing what people say they will do to get rich). At some point along the way we realize that rich doesn't satisfy because rich is a moving line. It seems those who are rich are always those who have a little bit more than we do, no matter how much we have. What we often don't realize is that we are rich and rich isn't about money and stuff but relationship with God.

READ LUKE 12:13-21

- How would you define “rich”?
- Would you say you are “rich”? Why or why not?
- What are some ways the culture tends to promote a pursuit for the accumulation of more money & stuff?
- Why do you think Jesus warns those in the crowd to be on guard against greed?
- What are some ways people try to measure life in terms of the accumulation of money & stuff?
- What might Jesus suggest as an appropriate measure of life?
- Would you describe the problem of having “enough” as a rich people problem? What are some rich people problems you experience (even if you don't feel rich)?
- What priority and/or perspective did the farmer in Jesus' story have?
- Why did Jesus point out that someone else would own the accumulations in the barn? Why is that important to keep in perspective?
- What are some ways the pursuit of more push the wellbeing of others and relationship with God out of the equation?
- What do you think it means to have a rich relationship with God? Would you describe your relationship with God as rich? Why or why not?
- What next step will you take to accumulate a rich relationship with God?

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