

Sermon Study Guide
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KIDS VERSION



1. What would you buy if you had thousands of dollars to spend for one day?

Does anybody know what Jesus told us about spending money? Why do you think Jesus even talked about spending money?

Read Luke 12:13-21

¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

2. Jesus told us life isn't just about the stuff we have. Have you ever been sad after buying something because it wasn't as cool as you thought it was?

4. God said the man who stored up a lot of stuff wasn't very smart. Why did God say that? What could have made him smart?

William Borden was a young man who loved God very much. Will had a lot of money, and instead of keeping his money like he saw his friends doing he chose to give most of it away so people could know Jesus. Will got very sick and died at a young age.

5. How is Will's story different than the rich man in Luke? Do you think God would have called Will smart or not?

6. The man in Luke died rich in stuff, but poor in the world; Will died poorer in the world, but rich in God. Would you rather be rich in stuff or rich in God? How can you be richer in God?

7. Let's pray!