



## Serving God Alone

### Description

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]. (John 10:10, AMP)

We are wrapping up our James study this week. We will finish with [James 5](#). Feel free to read it! This week, the devotionals will be a little lighter as I have family coming to town. Today, I thought I would share a passage of Scripture with you that puts [James 5:1-6](#) into perspective.

### The Parable of the Rich Fool

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

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.”**

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.”**

~Luke 12:13-21

What can you learn from the Rich Fool today? How does this challenge you? Are you storing up treasure in Heaven or on earth?

**“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”**

~Matthew 6:19-20

Just to be clear, having wealth is not evil. It's loving your money more than God, that's sin! It's placing your hope and trust in what you earn, instead of in God. Here's another way to look at it...

**“For the love of money is the root of ALL evil...”**

~1 Timothy 6:10 (KJV)

May your faith be in God and not in what you earn! May you find hope in His Word and not in the things you accumulate. May you have greater pride in who you are in Christ, than in all the things you can gain in this world! May we love God and serve Him alone!

**“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”**

~Matthew 6:24

Is God the master over your life?

*Dear Father God, I pray that you will be the Master of my life. May I place my pride in you and not my stuff. May my faith be stretched and may I always trust in Your provision!*

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