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## Digging Deeper and Rising Higher

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What about greed is so dangerous that Jesus had to say “Beware and be on your guard against every form of greed?” What “forms” does greed take?

What is the point Jesus makes with the story of the rich man and his barns in Luke 12:16-20? What does vs. 21 mean?

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## Some Thoughts to Take With You

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Treasure laid up only for oneself is short lived. One cannot present a suitcase full of riches to God for admission into heaven. God desires other priorities. Jesus tells us to be rich toward God. When thinking about the most beneficial way to live, long-term thinking is crucial. The disciple should realize that the pursuit of wealth is a dangerous distraction and a form of greed when it is self-directed. Wealth toward self is poverty before God.

Darrell L. Bock

It is difficult for people to get rid of junk. They get attached to things and let them define who they are. If there’s one thing I’ve learned in this business, it’s that you are what you can’t let go of.

Brian Scudamore, Founder/CEO of 1-800-GOT-JUNK?

Living for others, commitment to God’s redeeming purposes, is a means of grace. We give because of our faith, and it deepens as we give. If we permit ourselves and our people to give casually, we are really teaching contempt.

Richard S. Emrich

The comfort that comes from wealth and the power derived from materialism provide only a fleeting and false security, a vain effort at control. Jesus stresses that wealth is potentially a subtle, but devastating, obstacle to God. Where idols and selfish inwardness are present, God’s judgment awaits. Wealth’s only legacy is its fleeting nature. Only wealth handled with generosity meets with God’s approval.

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The refusal

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A telling choice  
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# KIDS NOTES

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### Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- Jesus told a story about a:
  - a rich farmer who was extremely generous.
  - a poor farmer who needed help.
  - a rich farmer who was very selfish.
  - all of the above.
- The true joy of living is found in:
  - having all the stuff you want.
  - having all the money you want.
  - relationships, with relationship with God being #1.
  - all of the above.
- We are accountable to God for the way we live because:
  - everything we have has come from Him.
  - He has given us life to live according to His instructions.
  - we live on His earth, breath His air, and drink His water.
  - all of the above.

**For Family Discussion:** What can you sell so that you can join the church family is giving to a Corona charity?

### Space to Doodle

### Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

	TOTAL
JESUS _____	_____
STEWARDSHIP _____	_____
RESOURCES _____	_____
GENEROSITY _____	_____
RELATIONSHIP _____	_____
CONFESS _____	_____

### Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

JESUS STEWARDSHIP MISSIONAL RESOURCES TIME SKILLS  
 MONEY GENEROSITY RELATIONSHIP CONFESS LORD CHRIST SIN  
 WORLD SELFISHNESS FARMER BARN SOUL ACCOUNTABLE FOOL  
 TREASURE HEART CHARITY POSSESSIONS GREED CONSUME

M A P E A Y C N H C L S L P E P S  
 Q G I R D C I O H E S U I Z G O K  
 T R H U V S C R N E A H O E L S I  
 Y E S S O B I O F S S R N S O S L  
 W E N A D S S N U D U E T J O E L  
 U D O E T S O E R N R M D P F S S  
 S O I R L C U A C O T L E D V S G  
 U B T T L T W S S R R A P K L I Y  
 U G A M I E M I E O U V B W Y O E  
 J Q L M T E T S W J C O U L B N N  
 H V E S G Y R E M R A F S W E S O  
 B A R N S S E L F I S H N E S S M  
 L A N O I S S I M S N Y C K R K K  
 C H A R I T Y J T I X J N U J N S  
 P B J R D R O L N E P K J W D D G