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— The Rich Fool: Self Storage —

Luke 12, 1 Timothy 6
Small Group Plan

CAUGHT IN THE PRONOUNS
Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ ¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ ²⁰ “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?’ ²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...

- Count the personal pronouns in the verses 16-19 above.
- What is the goal of this man? What is he missing?

LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...

— RECOGNIZE THE COST OF MONEY ADDICTION —

1 Timothy 6:9-10

⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ 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.

- How would you describe the addictive power of wealth? How does it work?
- How is the “love of money” the root or beginning of many evils?
- List some of the evils and describe how they are connected to the love of money.

— RETURN TO THE SOURCE —

1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

- Why is wealth “so uncertain”?
- How does wealth bring “arrogance”?
- When God “richly provides” what is different about His wealth?
- How does God intend for wealth to be enjoyed?
- What is the difference between enjoying wealth and being a lover of money?

— RELEASE YOUR FINANCIAL BLESSINGS —

1 Timothy 6:18

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds,
and to be generous and willing to share.*

- How would you describe a “generous” person?
- Why are some people rich in good deeds while others are not?

USE IT / APPLY IT ...

- There is no doubt that, as Americans, **we are** the rich of the world.
- How can we protect ourselves from becoming addicted to wealth?
- What do you think of the fact that 99% of Storage Facility companies are in America?
- List and discuss some of the opportunities at Prestoncrest for generous good deeds.
- In addition to money what else can be given to God’s ministry here?
- Close by thanking God for the blessings of wealth we enjoy in this country. And ask for His protection from the dangers of wealth.