

"Investing For the Long Term"

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(All Bible verses are from the New Living Translation unless noted)

Luke 12:16-21 "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. In fact, his barns were full to overflowing. So he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store everything. And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!'"

"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

IF YOU WANT FINANCIAL FREEDOM

1ST – ACKNOWLEDGE THE SOURCE.

V.16 **"fertile farm that produced fine crops."**

Psalm 24:1 **"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,"**

Proverbs 10:22 **"The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich."**

Hosea 2:8 **"She doesn't realize it was I who gave her everything she has—the grain, the new wine, the olive oil; I even gave her silver and gold. But she gave all my gifts to Baal."**

2ND – GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR BLESSINGS.

V.17 **"his barns were full to overflowing."**

3RD – RECOGNIZE THE DIVINE PURPOSE.

V.17 **"I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store everything."**

4TH DON'T BE FOOLED INTO SHORT TERM PLANNING.

V.20 **"You fool! You will die this very night."**

Matthew 6:19 **"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal."**

5TH KEEP AN EYE ON ETERNITY.

V.20 **"You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?"**

Matthew 6:20 **"Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal."**

6TH – BE RICH TOWARD GOD.

V.21 **"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."**

1 Timothy 6:17-19 **"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. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."**