

econoME: Me and My Toys

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Luke 12:13-21; 33-34

13Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

Some Trappings of our Toys

1. The Greed Trap (:15)

15Then 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."

16And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17He 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 all my grain and my goods. 19And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things 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 anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.

2. The Self-Reliance Trap (:16-19)

3. The Accumulation Trap (:20-21)

Matthew 6:19" Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Avoiding the Title of "Fool"

33Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1. Liquidate some stuff and give it away.

2. Leverage your toys for kingdom purposes.

3. Become a percentage giver.

"No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything that they had with those in need ..." Acts 4:22