

# NWC Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 11/04/12

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## *Are My Valuables Safe?*

**Focus:** A person's worth (identity, value, life) is not determined by **how** much he has, but by **what** he values and **where** he stores it!

### **Read Luke 12:13-21**

As we read this passage, what clues you in to the fact that these men struggle with greed (or [covetousness](#))? Both in the brother and the rich farmer?

Jesus gives a stern warning against greed in **verse 15**. How do you and your family practically heed this warning & guard against greed? How do you regularly evaluate how that's going?

Would you ever considered allowing a trusted Christian friend (one who is familiar with the dangers of greed) to examine your finances in order to help you identify potential blind spots? What prevents you? Do your reasons flow out of love for God & others or protecting your own desires and wants?

In **verse 20**, the rich farmer is called a 'Fool'...Why does he deserve this title? As you examine your own financial life, where have you been a 'Fool?' Where have you been wise?

What does the phrase 'rich toward God' mean (**v. 21**)? Why is this important?

### **Read Luke 12:32-34**

Of the three areas mentioned on Sunday: (1) Identity (**v.32**), (2) Selling & Giving (**v. 33**), and (3) Investing in Eternity (**vv. 33-34**), which one, if practiced, would help you grow in the area of generosity the most? Why?

As you examine your personal finances, what does that reveal about the location of your heart (**v. 34**)? What is a proper response to this revelation?