

Sermon Notes – July 6, 2014
“Don't Be a Fool”
Luke 12:13-21
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“.. a man's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”
(verse 15) Do you know anyone who lives as if this were the case?

The man in Jesus' story has a problem because he has too much.

What are some problems that can result from having more than we need?

Christians often talk about problems related to material wealth.

What might be some spiritual problems related to material poverty? (see Luke 12:22-34)

The farmer in Jesus' story is self absorbed, self indulgent, and ignorant of the fact that the future is not his to control. In what ways might these be issues even for those who are not focused on money and material wealth?

Why does Jesus say this man is a fool? What has he failed to take into account?

What does it mean to be “rich toward God”? (see Matthew 13:44-46)

If you knew that “this very night your life will be demanded of you” (verse 20), how would this change your priorities for today? How does knowing that your life will indeed be demanded of you someday effect how you live today?

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose. Jim Elliot, missionary killed in South America in 1956.