

Lesson 3-16

The Rich Fool

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21

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?"

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."

In this parable Jesus is saying a good life has nothing to do with being wealthy. So be on your guard against greed. The rich man in this parable dies before he could begin to use his savings. Planning for retirement is good. Planning for life before death is good but planning for life after death is better.

生词

New Vocabulary for Lesson 3-16

肯【kěn】 be willing to; agree; consent; be ready to.

肯定【kěndìng】 affirm; confirm; approve; regard as positive; positive; affirmative; definite; sure; certainly; undoubtedly; definitely.

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肯									
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比喻【bǐyù】 **a parable**; to illustrate using a story. metaphor; analogy; figure of speech.

比【bǐ】 compare; contrast; emulate; compete; match; draw an analogy; liken to; compare to; gesture; gesticulate; copy; model after; ratio; proportion; to (in a score); <formal> close together; next to.

喻【yù】 explain; make clear; inform; understand; analogy; (Yu4) a surname.

譬喻【pìyù】 metaphor; simile; analogy; figure of speech.

隐喻【yǐnyù】 metaphor.

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比									
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财主【cáizhu】 **a wealthy person**; rich man; moneybags.

财【cái】 wealth; money.

主【zhǔ】 host; owner; master; person or party concerned; main; primary; manage; direct; be in charge of; indicate; signify; hold a definite view about something; advocate.

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财									
主									

财物【cáiwù】 **property**; belongings; stuff.

物【wù】 thing; matter; the outside world as distinct from oneself; other people; content; substance.

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财									
物									

粮食【liángshi】 **grain (For human consumption)**; food; cereals.

粮【liáng】 grain; food; provisions.

食【shí】 eat; meal; food; feed; edible; eclipse.

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粮									
食									

收藏【shōucáng】 collect; store up.

收【shōu】 receive; accept; put away; take in; collect; money received; receipts; income; harvest; gather in; close; bring to an end; stop; restrain; control.

藏【cáng】 hide; conceal; store; lay by.

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收									
藏									

拆【chāi】 pull down; tear down; tear open; take apart; to dismantle.

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拆									
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盖【gài】 to build; lid; cover; shell (of a tortoise, crab, etc.); canopy; affix (a seal); surpass; top; build; <formal> approximately; <formal> for; because; in fact.

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盖									
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好【hǎo】 so that; in order to; good; fine; nice; friendly; kind; be in good health; get well; be easy; is easy to answer; so as to.

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好									
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然后【ránhòu】 then; after that; afterward

然【rán】 right; correct; so; like that; <formal> <conj.> but; nevertheless; however.

后【hòu】 back; behind; rear; after; afterwards; later; offspring; empress; queen.

然而【rán'ér】 <conj.> yet; but; however.

岸然【ànrán】 in the solemn manner.

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然									
后									

灵魂【líng hún】 **soul**; spirit.

灵【líng】 quick; clever; sharp; efficacious; effective; spirit; intelligence; bier.

魂【hún】 soul; mood; spirit; the lofty spirit of a nation.

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灵									
魂									

只管【zhǐguǎn】 **(your responsibility is) only / just**; by all means; merely; simply.

只【zhī】 single; one only; <measure> for one of a pair; for certain animals.

管【guǎn】 tube; pipe; wind instrument; <electron.> valve; tube; manage; run; be in charge of; subject sb.to discipline; bother about; mind; provide; guarantee; (guan3) a surname.

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只									
管									

无知【wúzhī】 **to be ignorant; ignorance.**

无【wú】 nothing; nil; not have; there is not; without; not; regardless of; no matter whether, what, etc..

知【zhī】 know; realize; be aware of; inform; notify; tell; knowledge; administer; be in charge of.

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发财【fācái】 **get rich**; make a fortune; make a pile.

发【fā】 send out; issue; deliver; distribute; express; open up; discover.

财【cái】 wealth; money.

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发									
财									

来世【láishì】 **the world to come**; otherworld.

来【lái】 come; arrive; crop up; take place; future; coming; next; ever since; about; around.

世【shì】 lifetime; life; generation; age; era; world; <geology> epoch.

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来									
世									

喻【yù】 explain; make clear; inform; understand; analogy; (Yu4) a surname.

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喻									
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办【bàn】 do; handle; manage; tackle; attend to; set up; run; buy a fair amount of; get sth. ready; punish (by law); bring to justice.

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办									
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呢【ne】 indicating a continued state of action. Making question about a subject already mentioned.

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呢									
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Supplementary Vocabulary

语言点

Language Points

…在…的时候 during the time…

我的爸爸在世(上)的时候... While my father was alive...

在老师讲课的时候... When the teacher was lecturing...

…把…verb have something done

儿子半分钟就把苹果吃完了。 The son has eaten the apple in half minute.

妈妈把衣服洗好了 The mother has washed the clothes.

我把狗喂了。 I have feed the dog.

我把门锁了。 I have the door locked.

我把窗关了。 I have the window closed

我把饭吃了。 I have eaten dinner.

我把衣服穿了。 I have changed close.

我把澡洗了。 I have washed.

我把功课作好了。 I have done my homework well.

…对…说 say something to someone

妈妈对儿子说... The mother said to the son...

老师对学生说... The teacher said to the student...

当我见到汤姆的时候，我要对他说中文。 When I see Tom, I will speak Chinese to him.

…光想到…不想到

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