

# Year C - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Luke 12:16-21

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*



Jesus told the crowd this story:

"A rich man's farm produced a big crop, and he said to himself, 'What can I do? I don't have a place large enough to store everything.'

"Later, he said, 'Now I know what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I can store all my grain and other goods.

Then I'll say to myself, 'You have stored up enough good things to last for years to come.

Live it up! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.' "

"But God said to him, 'You fool! Tonight you will die.

Then who will get what you have stored up?'

"This is what happens to people who store up everything for themselves, but are poor in the sight of God."



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*Being thankful for what we have and mindful of how we can help others*



### Message:

- Have you ever heard of the saying saying "Being ready for a rainy day"?
- It means being prepared in case something unexpected happens. It could mean having a pantry and freezer full of food, having savings in the bank or having a box full of batteries and torches at home. These are all ways that our families might prepare for the unexpected.
- But that is not what the man in this parable was doing. He wasn't preparing for a rainy day, he was saving all his wealth for himself and it was far more than he could have spent in his life.
- While he was keeping it all for himself there are others who live in poverty, those who struggle to buy food and clothes for their family.
- And like there are people today who struggle in the same way. For those amongst us who are blessed to live a wealthy life, we can remember to be grateful for what we have. Give thanks to God for the security and comfort we have.
- And then we can think about what we can do to help others. As kids it might not feel like there is a lot we can do but that's not true, any gift we make that helps another is a great gift!

### Discussion:

- What stood out to you from today's gospel?
- What do you think the rich man should have done?
- What is something you can be thankful for?
- What are something you can do to help others?

