**Series: StoryTeller**

**Today: Fool’s Gold**

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***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; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”*

*16And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 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 my surplus grain. 19And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain 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 whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”*

1. **Portrait of a Fool**
2. **He viewed life without God in the frame.**
3. **He believed he was self-made.**

***Deuteronomy 8:17-18***

*17You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” 18But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth…*

1. **He found his security in created things.**
2. **He was more concerned with his riches than his soul.**
3. **He embraced the YOLO philosophy.**
4. **Becoming Rich Toward God**

*21“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”*

1. **Any kind of success without God at the center is no success at all.**
2. **Show compassion even to the “least of these.”**

***Matthew 10:42***

*And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.*

1. **Be generous with your resources like no one else.**

***Philippians 4:17-19***

*17Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. 18… They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*

1. **Do honorable work for reasons beyond yourself.**

***Ephesians 4:26***

*Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.*