

1. Learning from the Rich Fool

- a) Luke 12:16-21 What problems do you observe with this rich fool's perspective on life?
- b) Why does God call him a fool? Doesn't God love everyone and want the best for everyone?
- c) How can we avoid acting like this rich fool?
- d) What opportunities has God shown you where you can give to others out of your abundance?

2. Keeping a realistic perspective on life

- a) James 4:13-14 What can we learn from this inspired testimony?
- b) How much of our material wealth can we take with us when we die? Psalm 49:17
- c) If we can't take any material assets with us when we die, how should we handle our material possessions while we are still alive?

3. Managing your assets well

- a) Proverbs 27:23-24 How would you restate this inspired counsel in today's language?
- b) What is the value of assessing your current financial situation? How is this different from trusting in your wealth like the rich fool?
- c) Why is it important to manage your assets wisely, regardless of how much you own? Matthew 25:14-23, 24-29

4. Preparing financially for the end of life

- a) At what age would it be wise to make a will? Why?
- b) What principles should guide a person's decisions when determining the distribution of assets in his/her will?
- c) When is it appropriate to change the details of your will?
- d) Has anyone here made a will? What lessons did you learn as you created this important document?

5. Leaving a legacy

- a) Share the story of someone who left a legacy by making a major donation to a ministry. (Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, Barnabas, etc., or a contemporary person)
- b) How do you know when it's time to make a sacrificial donation and how much to give in support of the mission of the church?
- c) Is it better to make a major donation while you are still living or make that appropriation in your will?
- d) How does the teaching of Jesus about giving in the Sermon on the Mount relate to leaving a legacy by making a major contribution to a ministry? Matthew 6:1-4
- e) What are your thoughts about leaving a legacy?

