SERMON NOTES: LUKE 12:13-21 The Rich Fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” 16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He 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. 19 And 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.”

I. HIS FOUR MISTAKES
   A. In planning for himself, he forgot his ________________ (v.17).
   B. In counting his goods, he forgot the ________________ (v.18).
   Deut. 8:18, “It is (God) Who gives you power to get wealth.”
   C. In providing for his body, he forgot his ________________ (v.19)
   D. In counting on time, he forgot ________________ (v.19, 20).

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD?
   A. Rich in Relationship
   B. Rich in Inheritance
   I Peter 1:3-5: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
   C. Rich in ____________________
   II Peter 1:4: …He has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
   D. Rich in Potential
   In this life: Phil. 4: 13: I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength.

   In the future: I John 3: 2: Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.