

# BEWARE OF THE

It's called the Greed Bug. Watch out for its bite. If you scratch, it may itch more. Look up the Bible verses listed on the bug repellents below. Then use the verses to help you complete the directions of advice for dealing with the Greed Bug.



We don't need to  
be greedy for anything  
because God knows what  
we \_\_\_\_\_  
even before we \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 6:8

**G-BUG  
SWATTER**

**Greed  
B-Gone**

We can be happy with  
\_\_\_\_\_ because God promises  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 13:5

If we are generous to others  
instead of greedy for ourselves,  
we \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 11:25

**GREED MOTEL**

**Greed  
Killer**

## KEY VERSE

Keep your lives (REEF)  
\_\_\_\_\_ from the love of  
(NEMOY) \_\_\_\_\_  
and be (TONECNT) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ with what you have.  
Hebrews 13:5



# RICH AND FOOLISH



**W**herever Jesus went, thousands of people came to hear Him. Jesus often spoke of His loving Father in heaven. He told the people to trust in God and to depend on God's love for them.

**Read Luke 12:13-15. The man and his brother were arguing about an inheritance.<sup>1</sup> What did the man want Jesus to do? What did Jesus tell the man and anyone else listening? Jesus ignored the man's question and pointed out the real problem. What was it?**

Exodus 20:15, 17 tell us not to steal and not to covet—to wish for or be jealous of the good things that others have. Jesus warned the people not to be greedy; there is more to life than having lots of money. To help the people understand what He meant, Jesus told a parable.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Parables were short picture stories that Jesus used to teach a lesson.



**Luke 12:16-19**

*The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant*

*harvest. He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."<sup>3</sup>*

*Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns<sup>4</sup> and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"*

**What was the man's attitude about himself and his riches? How did he plan to live from then on?**

The rich man didn't think about people who had nothing to eat. He didn't think about God, who had



<sup>3</sup>Barley, wheat, and millet were valuable grain crops in Palestine because bread was such an important food.



<sup>4</sup>Once grain was harvested, it was stored in large clay pots, in dry wells, or in storage barns.



<sup>1</sup>Normally, only sons could inherit family wealth. The oldest son got a double share of property.



Jesus told the people that money and possessions do not make people happy. Only God can give true riches—blessings that can never be stolen or lost. We should trust God to supply our needs and be satisfied with what He gives us.

given him all his riches. He only thought of himself and enjoying life.

**Read Luke 12:20-21. What happened to the rich man? What did Jesus mean by “rich toward God”? What did Jesus’ parable have to do with the man’s question (verse 13)?**

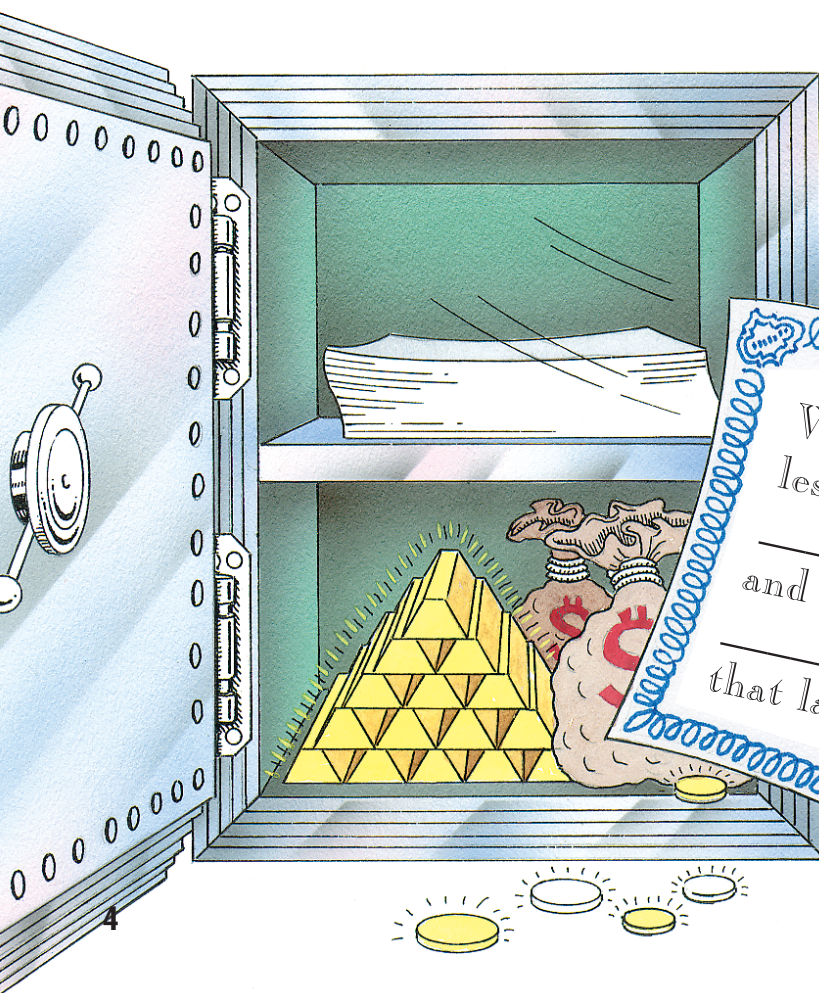
**Read Luke 12:33-34. How does the attitude shown here compare with that of the rich man?**





# SOME THINGS YOU CAN **BANK** ON AND SOME THINGS YOU CAN'T

	often	sometimes	never
1. I share what I have with others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I'm unhappy when friends have better things than I do.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I argue with my parents about getting a bigger allowance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I think about all God has given me and thank Him.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I spend time wishing for more toys, games, and clothes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I give my time and money to my church.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I would be happier if my family were rich.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I pray and talk to people about helping others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



What kind of treasures are you building up? Complete the statements about two kinds of treasures by checking the box that best describes how true each is for *you*. Then write the numbers of the items you can bank on in the bank vault.

**BOND**

With Jesus' help, I will spend less time worrying about \_\_\_\_\_ and build up treasures like \_\_\_\_\_ that last forever.