

Bigger Barns
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And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. Luke 12:16-18

The man in the parable above must have felt like he won the jackpot. He was doing so well he needed to build bigger barns. Recently, the Mega Millions jackpot was predicted to be over a billion dollars. If I had a billion dollars I might need to build bigger barns. I’ll admit, sometimes it is easy for me to fall into the trap of thinking that if I just had (INSERT DOLLAR AMOUNT OF YOUR CHOOSING HERE) all my problems would disappear. We hear of professional athletes making millions every year, movie stars and politicians vacationing on super yachts, and Elon Musk is worth \$250 billion. Doesn’t seem fair.

If I just had (INSERT DOLLAR AMOUNT OF YOUR CHOOSING HERE) I would be fine. I don’t need a lot – just enough to relax, help my family, make a generous donation to church, and help the kids at St. Jude’s. Of course, I would need a bigger barn, but that just makes sense – Right? But which barns will I need to tear down (SEE PARABLE ABOVE) to make room for my new bigger barns to hold all my money? The Lord has a funny way of humbling me. Every now and then when I feel like I need bigger barns, my youngest son giggles a contagious giggle, my oldest son tells me all about his day, my daughter gives me a kiss on the forehead, or my wife smiles at me (the smile gets me every time). I quickly realize that I already have the biggest barns on the block. If I had billions of dollars – I would need smaller barns. May you rejoice with me today that the Lord has filled your barns with amazing gifts. The greatest gift of all being Jesus who lived, died, and rose for you!