



Learn What God Never Intended Fruitfulness to Be  
(Luke 12:13-21, NIV)

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**1. Fruitfulness Should Never Be an Excuse for Greed:**

- 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.”**

**2. Fruitfulness Should Never Be Only Focused on Personal Retirement:**

- 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.**””

**3. Fruitfulness Should Be About Being Rich Toward God Not Just Building Assets:**

- 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.**”

**Balance:** THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH BUILDING ASSETS

**Next Time:** Celebrating Without Condemnation

**Read Ahead:** Romans 8:1–2 (NIV)

- Therefore, there is now no **condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

**Question:** Imagine being able to celebrate your accomplishments and the gifts God gave you without guilt.