

**The Genius of Generosity**  
**Joy Offering 2021**  
**Luke 12:13-19**  
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Luke 12:13-19 “Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup> 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.”

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup> “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. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.””

Luke 12:20 “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?’

Luke 12:21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

**LOOK IN:**

To be smart, spend carefully

To be wise, save regularly.

To be genius, give extravagantly.

Philippians 4:19 “And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

**MEMORIZE:** Luke 6:38 “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

**APPLICATION:** Baby steps... Intentionally be kind to others. At least one time each day this week, be generous with something you have: A cup of coffee? A kind word? Being a generous listener instead of speaking.

**Discuss with someone:**

- When you were growing up, how would you describe your family’s view toward money?
- What was your family’s attitude toward generosity?