

A photograph of a cornfield with tall, green stalks reaching towards a clear blue sky. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the plants. The text 'BIGGER BARNES' is centered in the image, enclosed in a white rectangular border.

BIGGER BARNES

**EVERY FORM OF
GREED**



“The land of a certain rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?’ So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

LUKE 12:16-21

A CERTAIN RICH MAN


- The parable seems both impersonal and highly relatable at the same time. This could be any person, rich or poor, who experiences some kind of boon. Most of us have experienced the “good times.”
- Yet there is also something vain about the credit he takes for success. “The land” was very productive.



**REASONING
TO HIMSELF**

WHERE IS THE SIN?

- It should be obvious that the wealth itself wasn't the problem. Some people are rich. Some investments work out. It's not a sin to be wealthy (Ecc. 5:19-20, 1 Tim. 6:17-19).
- The bigger barns also weren't the problem. In fact, it would have been irresponsible to let the produce go to waste without adequate storage.



PROVERBS 18:10-11
ISAIAH 22:13

TOUGH APPLICATIONS

- **Retirement**
- **Church growth**
- **Career – “I’ve arrived!”**
- **Selling or buying property**
- **“There will always be time for that...”**
- **Defining yourself by what you do**
- **Believing the reward is here. You’ll get exactly what you asked for, just like the rich man of Luke 16:25.**

UNPREDICTABLE

- “This very night” – There is no guarantee of the future. Making plans is not the problem, though (Prov. 13:22, 6:6-8, Lk. 14:28-30) – proudly believing they’ll all turn out the way we think is (Ecc. 11:2, Ja. 4:13-15, Ps. 90:12)!
- “Now who will own...” – Who knows, according to Ecc. 2:18-23. A life consisting of stuff is hollow.