

## Delta Lesson For November 15<sup>th</sup> “Launch”

### “The Challenge is Personal”

**Big Idea: When the Game is over, it all goes back in the box.**

**Open it: What is your favorite day of the week and why? Other than Mondays what day of the week or what day of the year do you not look forward to?**

Money: it is powerful, a blessing, an avenue to achieve ministry, toxic, destructive, consuming, and depressing. Money is truly an amplifier of our heart and life. As Heartlands moves forward in our “Launch” the challenge to give will become very personal. Our ability to start our new facility will rest on our ability to give. Since it will be that important we thought it would be good to be reminded of a “Jesus perspective” of money. Jesus talks more about money than he does Heaven or Hell. It is His preeminent subject. Lets look at a parable that will help us see the proper perspective of this powerful blessing of God!

**Dig it: Read Luke 12:12-21**

1. In verse 15 Jesus starts with a stern warning. What does this say about the importance of the subject that is to follow?
2. How would most people in our world finish this question: Success is \_\_\_\_\_? What is Jesus’ answer?
3. According to verse 16 what is the source of the rich mans abundance? How important is it to understand the fundamental fact that God owns everything? How can that bless our lives?
4. The rich goes on to explain his plan in verses 17-19. What is the focus and attitude of his plan?
5. What does God call his plan in verse 20? How shocking would that word be to him and His friends?
6. Go back to verse 15 and sum up how this parable exemplifies that teaching.

**Reflect on it:**

1. God owns everything! How can that sentence help you in your approach to money?
2. How do you handle the ups and downs of the market, your bank account, your house value etc.? In the lesson we talked about the “ticker” and how God’s economy is always unchanged. How can that help you and bless you?
3. How can this parable and this perspective help you and help us as a church in our campaign?
4. What would it mean if we were living “rich toward God?” (Verse 21)
5. How can this campaign help us in our challenge to live “rich toward God?”

**Do it:**

1. Pray that God will help us see His perception of our stuff and our wealth.
2. Pray that Heartlands will learn and grow to be a church that lives “rich toward God.”