



LOŞT 3 :: FLASHBACK :: ANDY STANLEY

INTRODUCTION

Why has God given you so much? Why has God made you rich? If these questions elicit a laugh, don't move past them too fast. If you stop to think about it, most of us have a lot more than we need. By all accounts, you have considerably more than most people in the world today. So, why you? Why do you have so much? We'll study a parable of Jesus to see why God distributes wealth as He does and its implications for what God has given you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you consider yourself to be rich? Why or why not?
2. Read Luke 12:13-15. Why is it so difficult to recognize greed in the mirror? What are some of the signs?
3. Read Luke 12:16-21. Why does Jesus condemn the rich man?
4. Where is the line between saving and hoarding?
5. Why is it so hard to share what we have with others?
6. Why has God specifically blessed you with more than you need?
7. How can you use what you have to be rich towards God?
8. What do you lose when you are not rich towards God?

THINK ABOUT IT

How much do you need? If you were to strip away all the extras, where could you draw the line financially? Then, based on what you need, how much extra do you have?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How will you give generously out of your extra?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. Luke 12:15