

THE RICH FOOL

A golden scale of justice is the central focus, with its ornate, scrolled frame and a large, dark, polished pan. Numerous gold coins of various denominations are spilling out of the pan and scattered across the dark, textured surface below. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the metallic sheen of the scale and the intricate details of the coins.

The Doom of The Materialist

LUKE 12:13-21

Luke 12:13–21 (NKJV)

¹³ Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” ¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

Luke 12:13–21 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.” ’

Luke 12:13–21 (NKJV)

²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool!

This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ ²¹ “So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

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THE PARABLE'S SETTING

Hypocrisy (vain religion) - Luke 12:1-3

Have Reverence For God - Luke 12:4-11

Greed (vain values) - Luke 12:13-21

Our Focus & Values To Be Upon The
Spiritual - Luke 12:22-34

Prepare to Face God - Luke 12:35-48

Be Committed To Christ - Luke 12:49-53

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THE PARABLE'S SETTING

THE REQUEST

A Man In The Crowd
"Settle my dispute"

Luke 12:13 (NKJV)

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RESPONSE -

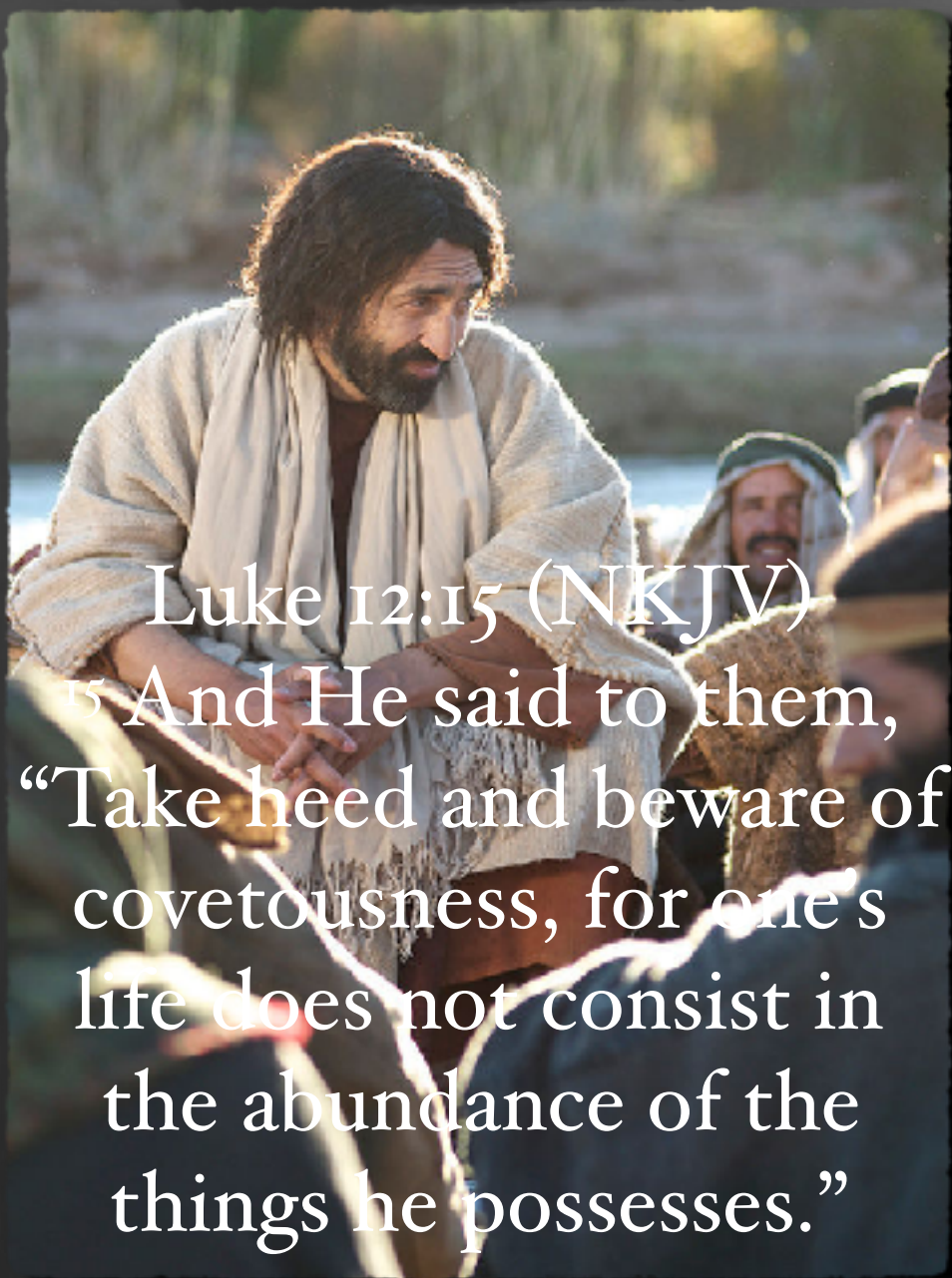
"Man" - a term indicating displeasure & rebuke

Luke 12:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"

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THE ADMONITION



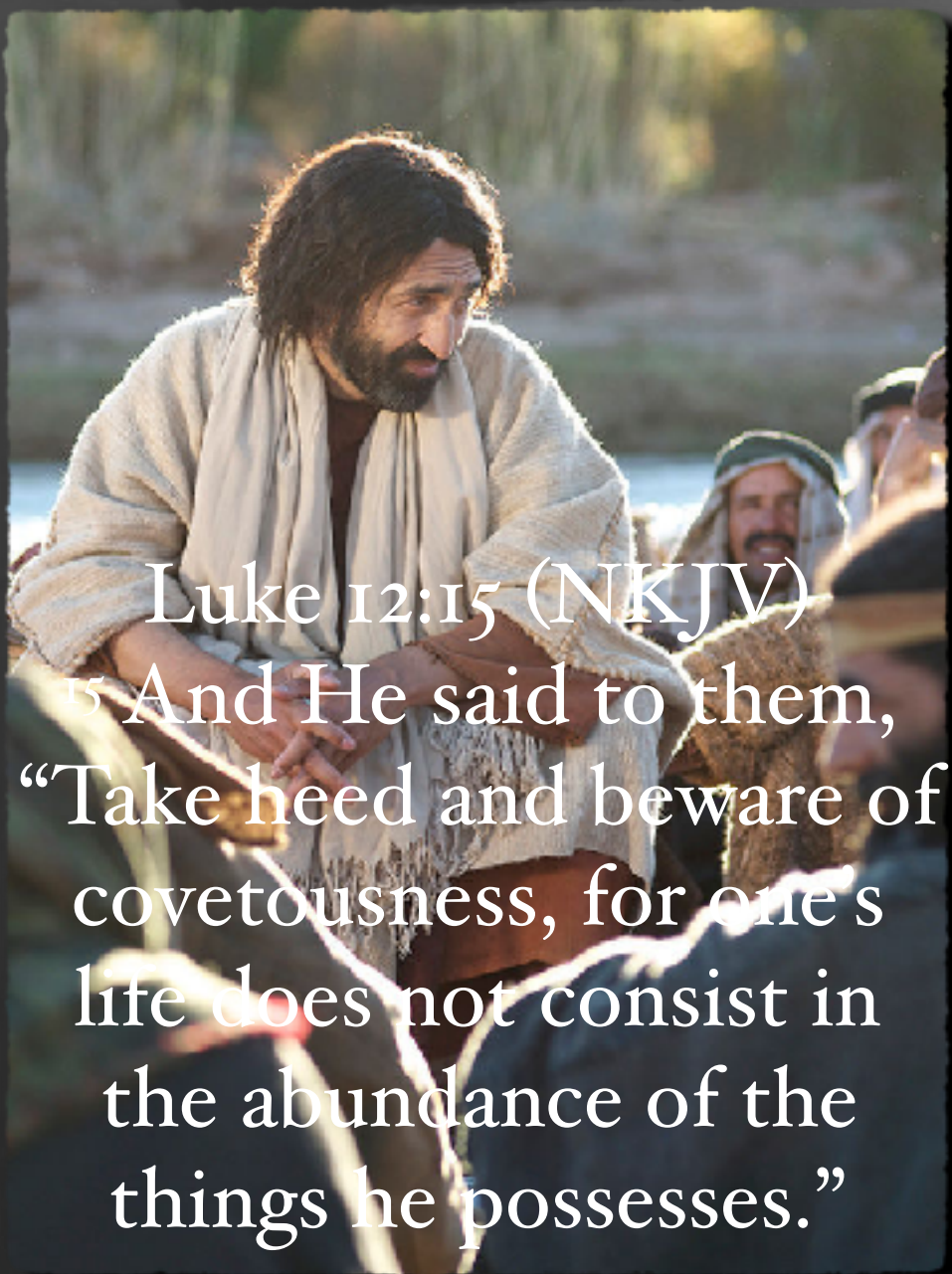
Luke 12:15 (NKJV)

15 And He said to them,
“Take heed and beware of
covetousness, for one’s
life does not consist in
the abundance of the
things he possesses.”

- **Take heed** - imperative - take special notice ...
- **Beware** - military - to guard closely against ...
- **Covetousness** - (lit. every form of) greed, avarice, a strong desire to acquire more & more material possessions ...

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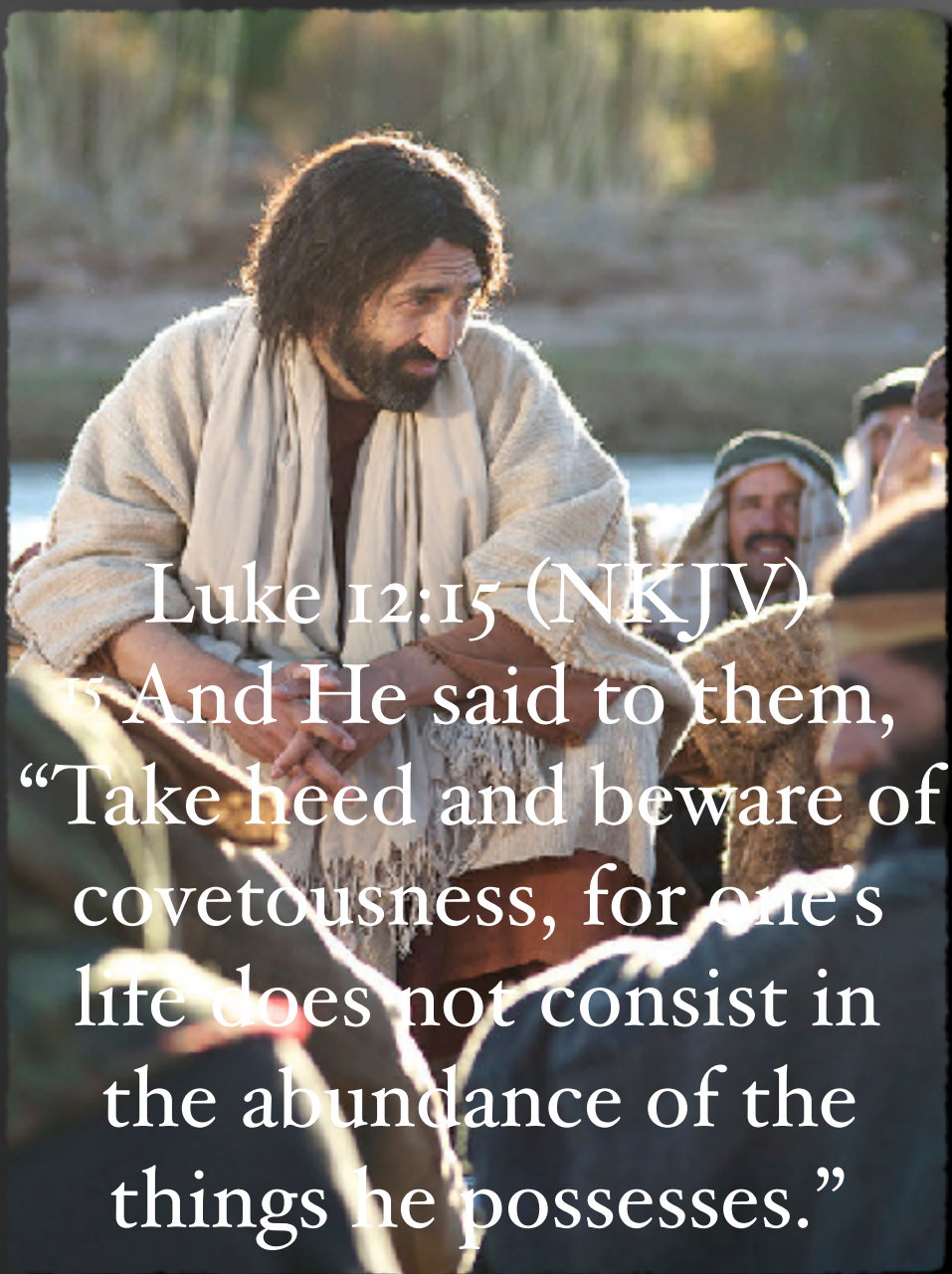
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- **Greed**, Not WEALTH itself, but the attitude & use of what one has — 1 Tim. 6:10, 17
- **Greed is like drinking salt water** — the more we drink, the thirstier we get - Eccl. 5:10; 6:7
- **Greed is idolatry** — Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5

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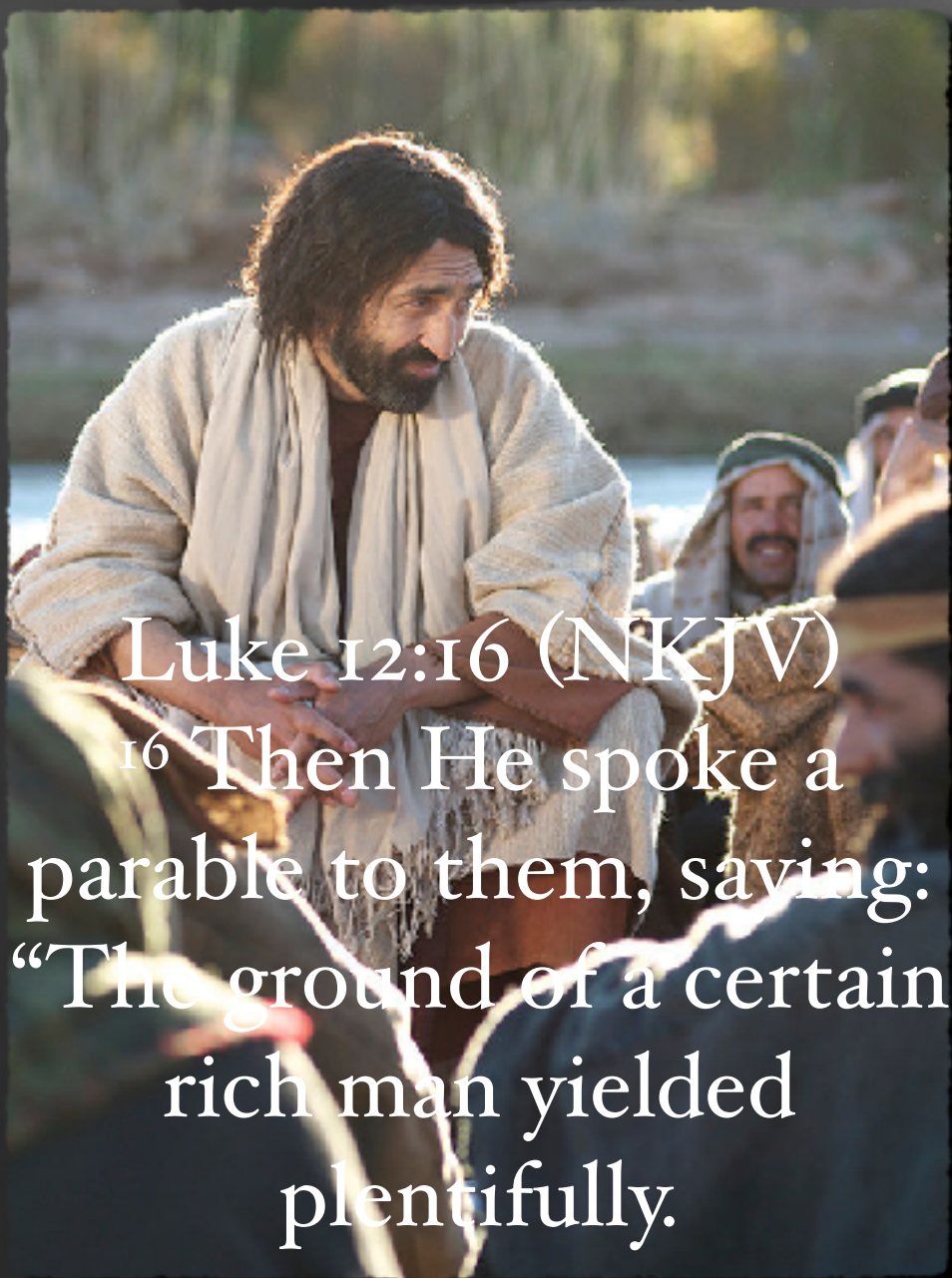
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- **One's life** — zoe (ζωή, 2222)
Real life, real living, abundant
life - (John 10:10)
- **Does not consist in** — negative,
life is NOT characterized by, or
achieved by ...
- **Abundance of the things he
possesses,** — more stuff than
enough, excess - Mat 16:26

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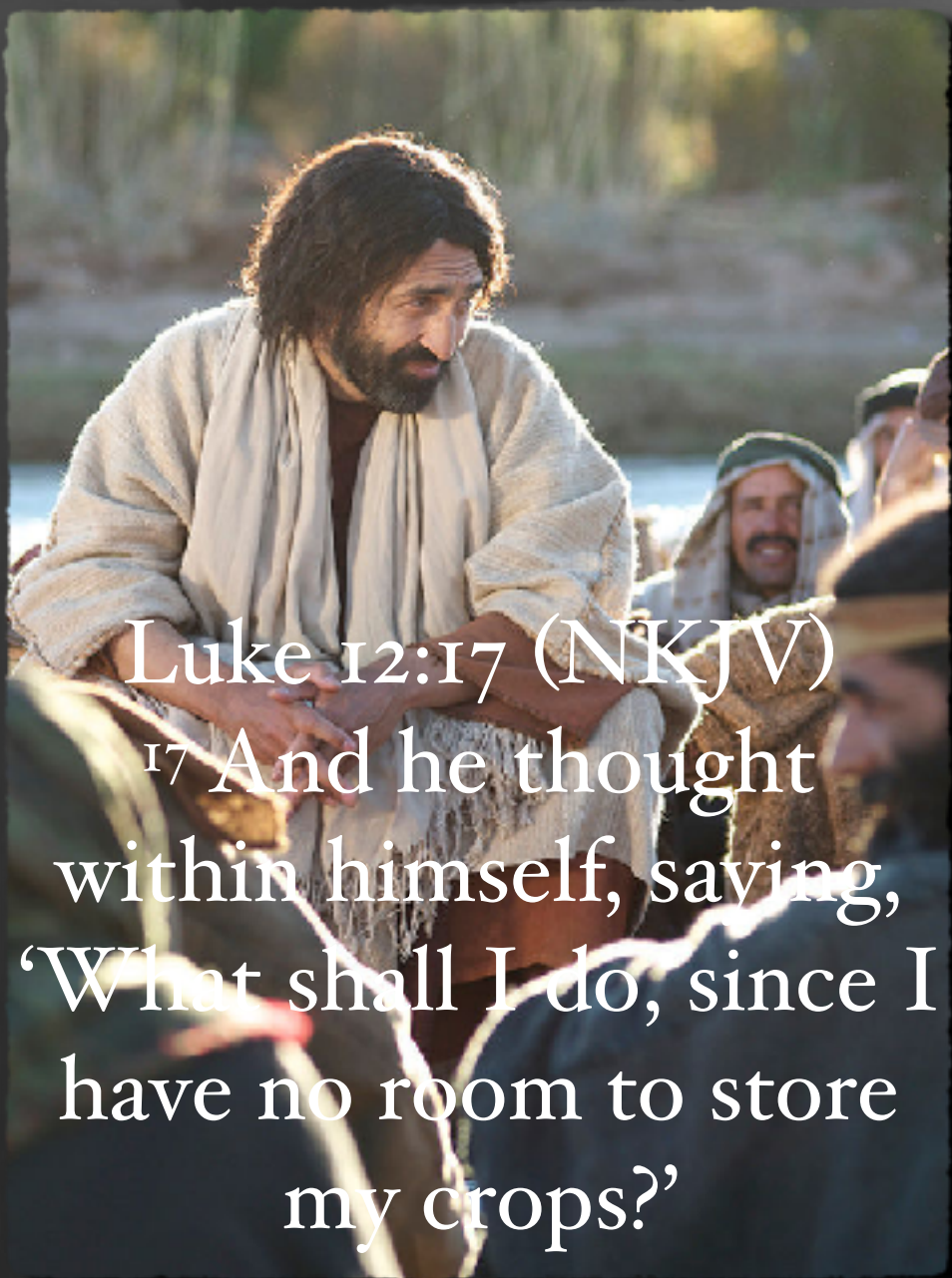
THE PARABLE ANALYZED



- **Was blessed** — He used his skill - but success was dependent upon things out of his control.
- **Justifiable gain** — No sinful "actions" attributed to the WAY he gained his wealth - no dishonesty, cheating or stealing involved.

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THE PARABLE ANALYZED



Luke 12:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?'

- **And he thought within himself** — His thoughts were SELFISH - excluded God and everyone else - Luke 18:11
- **What shall I do** — not what "should" I do - not what would God have me do.
- **My crops** — Exclusive / selfish - Five "My's" & Six "I's"

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THE PARABLE ANALYZED



Luke 12:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.” ’

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THE PARABLE ANALYZED



Luke 12:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.'

- **His decision** —
 - I will pull down my barns
 - I will build larger barns
- **His intention** —
 - To store his crops
 - To store his goods

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THE PARABLE ANALYZED



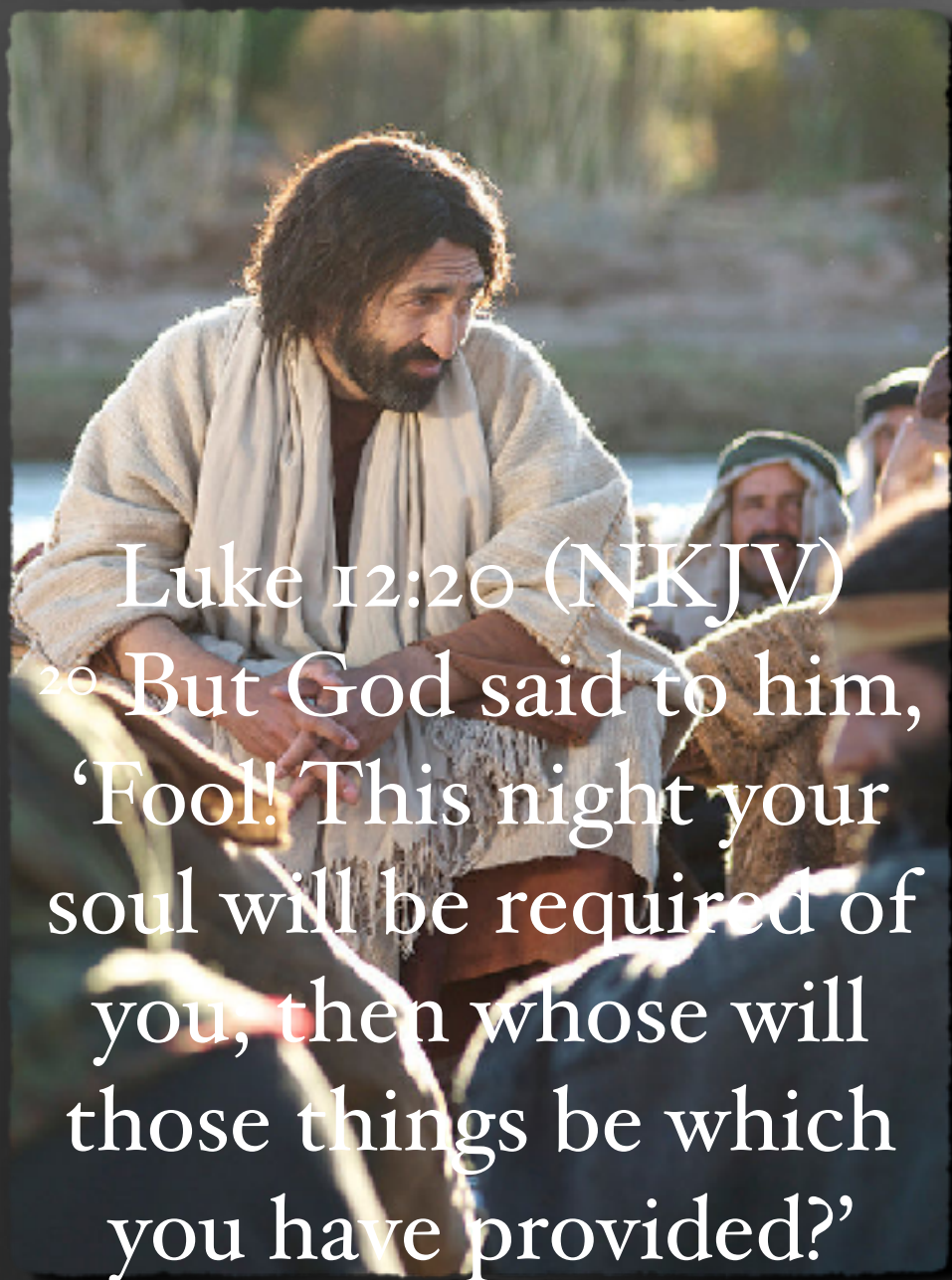
Luke 12:19 (NKJV)

19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years, take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry."

- I will say to my soul —
 - "soul you have many goods" - mine, for me? - Acts 20:35; Eph 4:28; 2 Cor. 9:6-12
 - "Laid up for many years" - Jam 4:13-16; 1 John 2:17
 - "Take your ease" - Jam 4:17
 - "Eat drink & be merry" - Phili 3:19; 2 Tim 3:4

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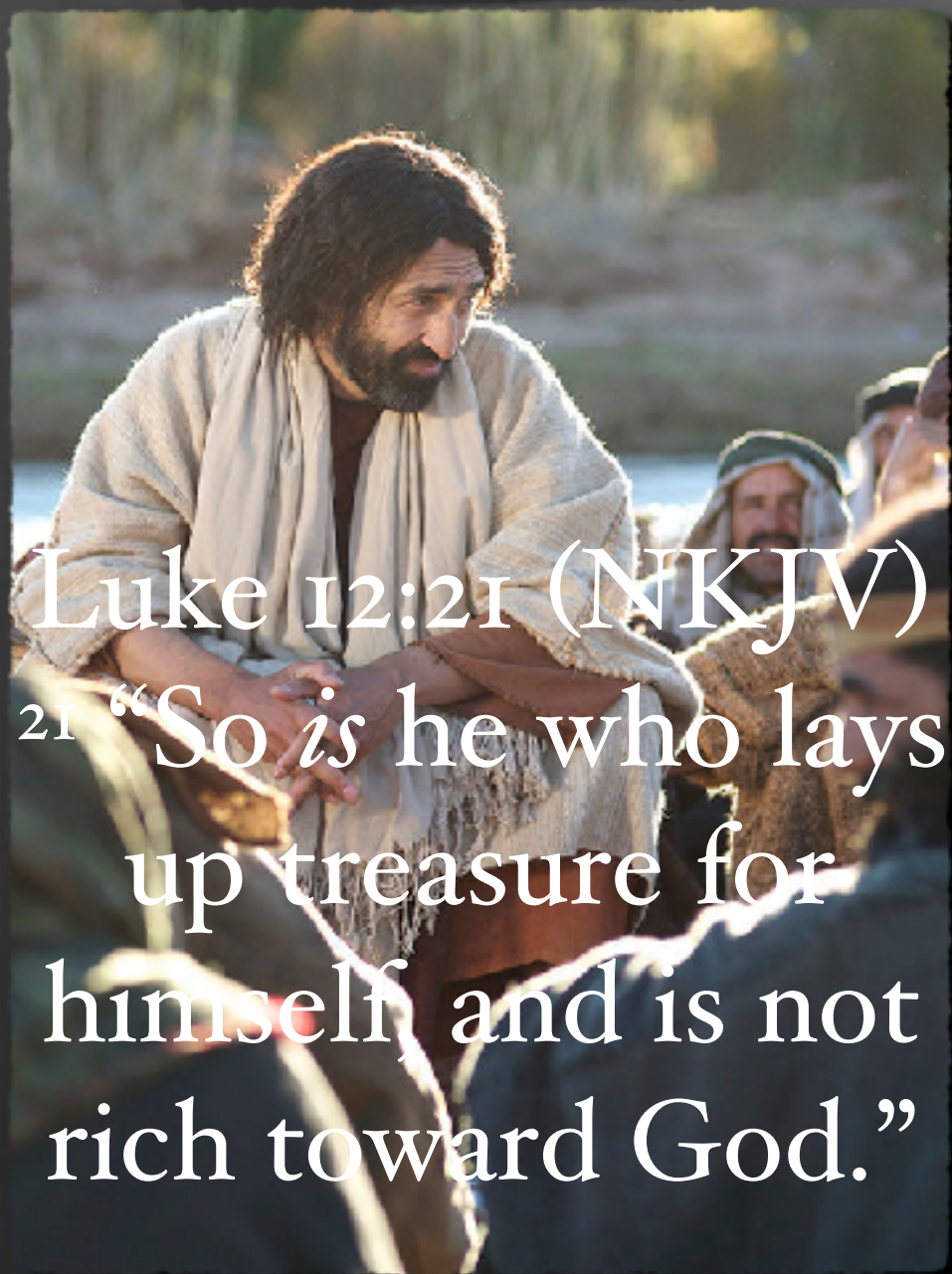
THE PARABLE ANALYZED



- **But God said to him —**
 - FOOL - destitute of true knowledge. He lived without concern or regard for God, for others, or his own mortality! - Ps. 14:1; Luke 16:22
 - Tonight you will die - Ps 39:5
 - Your possessions will ALL go to someone else - Eccl 2:18,19

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THE PARABLE APPLIED



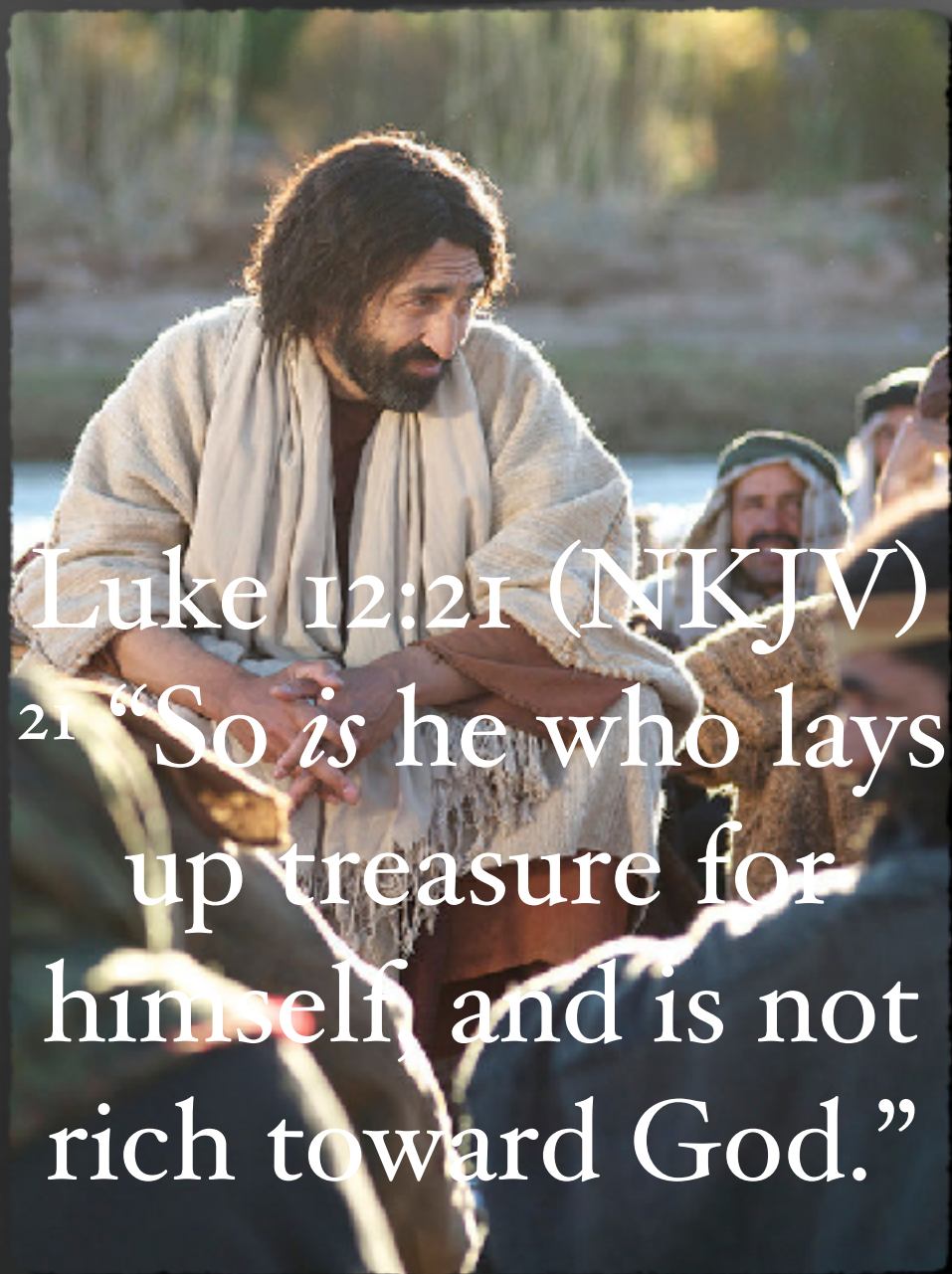
Luke 12:21 (NKJV)
21 “So is he who lays
up treasure for
himself and is not
rich toward God.”

■ So Is HE —

- If we lay up treasure for ourselves INSTEAD of laying up treasure in heaven, we are JUST LIKE this foolish man - Mat. 6:19-24; 1 Jn 2:15-17
- We MUST view our blessings as responsibilities - Jam. 4:17; 1 Tim 6:17-19

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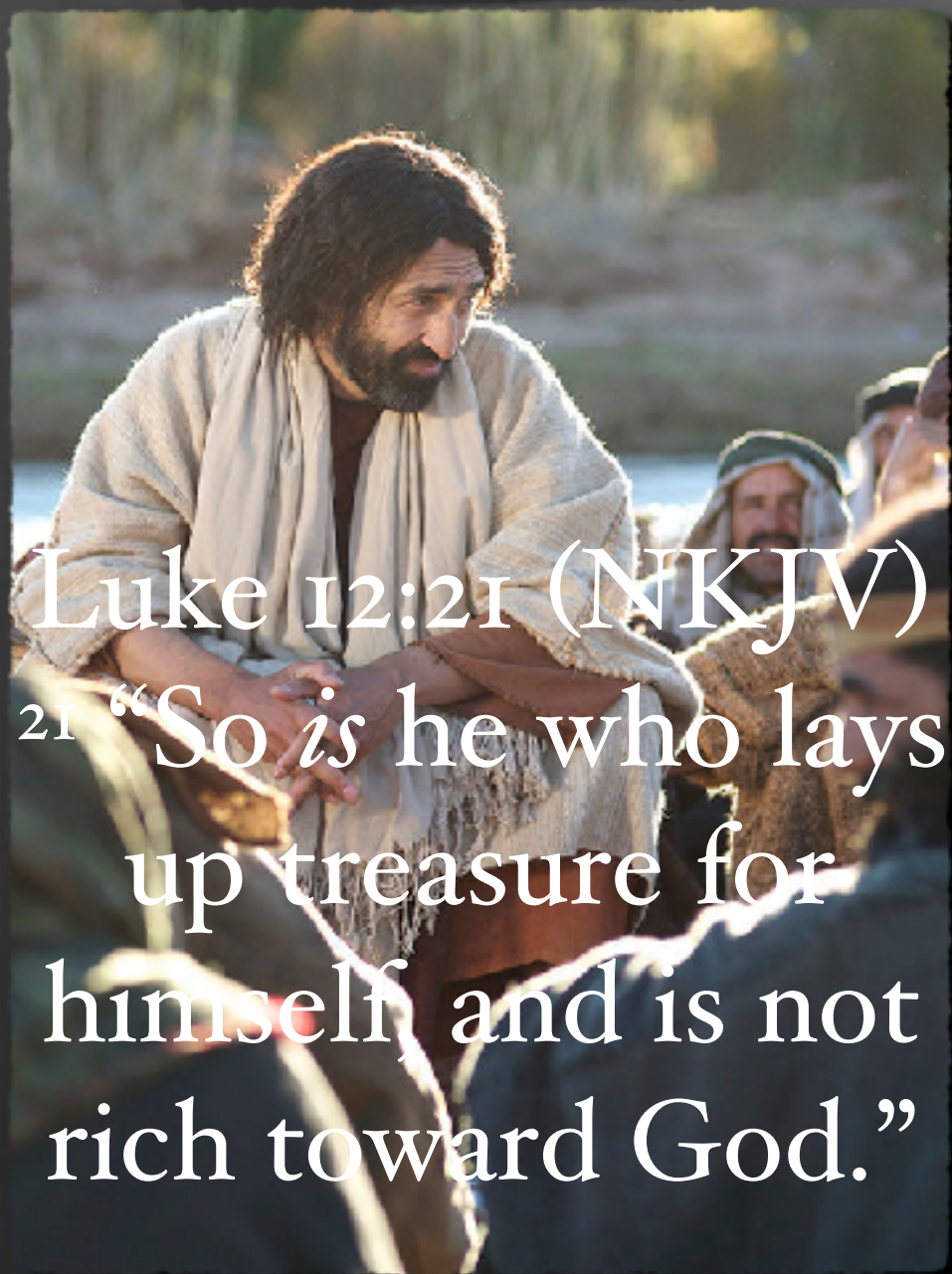
THE PARABLE APPLIED



- **Are we RICH toward God?**
 - Blessed in CHRIST - Eph. 1:3-14
 - We have been BLESSED to serve - Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:11-14
 - We have been BLESSED to give - Acts 20:35; 2 Cor. 8,9
 - We have been BLESSED to help - 2 Cor. 9:8; James 1:27; 2:14-26; Titus 3:14

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THE PARABLE APPLIED



- **Are we RICH toward God?**
 - TRUE Reverence toward God - worshipping, obeying, serving - Mark 12:29-31
 - TRULY putting the kingdom of God FIRST - Mat. 6:33
 - TRULY loving our brethren - *sharing, helping, encouraging* - 1 Pet 1:22; Heb 10:24

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DO WE HAVE EARS TO HEAR?



Luke 8:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

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WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?



Either we are laying
up treasure on
earth or in heaven
Are YOU Prepared
For Eternity?

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LUKE 12:13-21

1 Timothy 6:6–12, 17–19

(NKJV)

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

1 Timothy 6:6–12, 17–19

(NKJV)

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:6–12, 17–19

(NKJV)

¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ... ¹⁷

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

1 Timothy 6:6–12, 17–19

(NKJV)

¹⁸ Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.