

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, August 3, 2025

Reading: Luke 12:13-21

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we learn to treat our "silo" as a sign and beacon, instead of a storage place. Click here: <https://youtu.be/2xPZGfJbDyU> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- This week, in Luke 12, Jesus teaches us about the rich fool. When a person in the crowd asks Jesus to help him force the man's brother divide their inheritance, Jesus responds with the parable of the "rich fool."
- A rich man's land produced abundantly, with so much that the man had no where to store his crops. The rich man decided to tear down his barns and build larger ones. Then, the rich man said to himself his soul could be at peace to relax, eat, drink and be merry.
- But God came to the man, and told the man that night, the man's life would be demanded of him. His giant barns, and his full harvest, they would be of no use to him; whose would they be? So it is with all who are not rich toward God.

Two Questions

- Jesus' parable does not necessarily seem to be aimed directly at the man asking Jesus to make he and his brother divide their inheritance. What do you think the message of the parable is for that man in dispute with his brother? What is the message for you?
- How can we be "rich toward God" in a modern society – indeed one where we are expected and even required to put away savings for retirement? How can we (or can we?) be both "responsible citizens" in our modern lives and also "rich toward God?"

Action Step

- Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be! Make your "silo" not simply a place for accumulating wealth. Make your silo a sign of your love of Jesus!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!