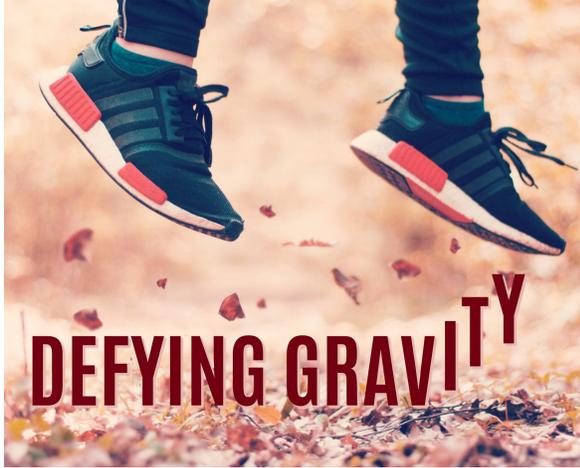


# DEFYING GRAVITY: FLIGHT PLAN

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## Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull 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 ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up

treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

## REFLECT & DISCUSS

### Big Ideas

1. Accidental giving is not generosity
2. Flight Plan
  - a. Live simply
  - b. Make a plan (budget)
  - c. Have generosity goals

### Reflect

1. Read the scripture passage carefully and slowly. What word or image stands out to you? Why?
2. What do you think it means to be "rich toward God?"
3. The rich man had no plan to use his resources generously. Why might having intentional goals and uses for abundance matter? How do you plan for generosity?
4. Jesus is unafraid to talk about and reflect on death, including his very own. In this parable, Jesus brings up death as a way to frame what really matters. Take some time to reflect with Jesus on what really matters to you and to God. Think of three steps you can take in your life now to better reflect that ultimate reality?

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