

a successful man of business? No, but it condemns the locking up of wealth for selfish purposes.

ANOTHER BLACKBOARD DESIGN. Draw a circle with figures and hands to represent a clock face. Write over the top, "I know not the hour when death will come." Underneath write,

"COVETOUSNESS  
in the heart

CORRUPTS  
the body."

### Primary and Intermediate.

#### LESSON THOUGHT. *The True Riches.*

Make a number of straight marks on the board. Say that each one stands for a person. Talk as you use the crayon, leading children to see that a crowd of people had gathered to hear some great man talk. Let children tell who the great man was. Make longer mark to represent Jesus.

Ask children what they think Jesus would talk about. They will say "Being good." Make plain to them that he would tell the heavenly way of living on earth. Teach that only the life of heaven begun on earth will make it possible to live that life in heaven. Tell of the man who called out to Jesus while he was talking to ask him to settle a dispute between him and his brother about some property. Each said, "This belongs to me," and neither was willing to yield to the other. Children sometimes dispute about their possessions, and there is hard feeling until one is willing to give up. Make a very large "My" on the board. Draw a heart around it. The heart full of my way, my things, my pleasure, is a selfish heart, which is not pleasing to God.

Jesus told this selfish man a story. All the people there heard it. There was a lesson in it for all. It has a lesson for us. Let us learn it.

Tell the story. If you tell it with crayon in hand you will hold the attention easily. Around the heart already on the board make squares to indicate barns and growing grain, until the heart is surrounded. Say that the poor rich man is shut up in a prison of his own possessions. Just over here stands his poor brother needing help. Here are orphan children with no one to care for them. Not one of these can he see! He is shut in by his riches!



God sees this poor heart, all eaten up with selfishness. He calls the soul to appear before him. The man dies. He can take nothing with him. All his riches are no help to him now! He goes poor into God's presence.

Tell of a poor man whose heart full of love is great riches in God's sight. Teach that little children who want to please God will put away the big "my," and will try to put the wants of others before their own.

### Berean Methods.

#### The Teachers' Meeting.

Circumstances: The multitude crowding to hear Jesus; the interruption; Christ's rebuke.... Attitude of illustrious Jewish rabbis toward secular disputes. In what respects Christ is a judge and a ruler; the proper attitude of the Christian Church toward secular disputes. .... Present the parable as a word-picture.... Meaning of "covetousness;" difference between "covetousness" and "coveting;" .... Selfishness always sensual. His wealth led directly to four sins, all based on his physical life. Mental activities and spiritual vitality work for others; bodily demands selfish.... Men are

"fools" or wise according to the measurement of eternity.... Life is like money, "loaned on call," liable to be "called in" at any moment.... Have this man's sin clearly defined.... Number of pronouns and nouns used in this man's soliloquy relating to himself: Six "I's," five "my's," etc.... Practical lessons which should be learned from this parable.... The folly of 1) forgetting God; 2) living for self; 3) indulging worldly lusts; 4) self-ignorance; 5) forgetting death.

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### ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

#### The Rich Man's Folly.

#### I. IN FORGETTING GOD.

*My fruits and my goods.* v. 18.

"Thy God.... giveth thee.... wealth." Deut. 8. 18.

"Blessing of the Lord.... maketh rich." Prov. 22. 10.

#### II. IN LIVING FOR SELF.

*Pull down my barns and build greater.* v. 18.

"Lay not up.... treasures upon earth." Matt. 6. 19.

"Labor not for the meat.... perisheth." John 6. 27.

#### III. IN WORLDLY LUSTS.

*Soul, thou hast much goods.* v. 19.

"Is not the life more than meat?" Matt. 6. 25.

"Set your affection on things above." Col. 3. 2.

#### IV. IN FORGETTING DEATH.

*Laid up for many years.* v. 19.

"Knoweth not who shall gather." Psa. 39. 6.

"Shall leave them in the midst." Jer. 17. 11.

#### V. IN SELF-IGNORANCE.

*Take thine ease, eat, drink.* v. 19.

"What is your life?... a vapor." Jas. 4. 14.

"His days are as grass." Psa. 103. 15.

### THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

#### The Worldly Mind.

1. The worldly mind is busy with the thoughts of earth, even while hearing the themes of heaven. Ver. 13.
2. The worldly mind seeks to secularize even the spiritual kingdom of Christ. Ver. 14.
3. The worldly mind forgets God in the plenitude of God's gifts. Ver. 16.
4. The worldly mind seeks to gain for self rather than to bestow blessings upon the needy. Ver. 17.
5. The worldly mind endeavors to satisfy the soul with the things of the body. Ver. 19.
6. The worldly mind deals with this life as if it were to last forever. Ver. 19.
7. The worldly life is regarded as a life of folly in the sight of God. Ver. 20.

### HOME READINGS.

- M. The rich man's folly. Luke 12. 13-21.  
Th. Wealth cannot save. Psa. 49. 6-17.  
W. Godly contentment. 1 Tim. 6. 6-12.  
Th. Uncertain riches. 1 Tim. 6. 13-21.  
F. Danger of selfish ease. Amos 6. 1-7.  
S. "If the Lord will." Jas. 4. 10-17.  
S. All from God. Deut. 8. 10-20.

### LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 220, New Canadian Hymnal.  
Try us, O God, and search the ground.  
No. 213, New Canadian Hymnal.  
Be it my only wisdom here.

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