I will build bigger barns to store all my goods. I will say to myself. "Take life easy"... But God said to him, "You fool! Tonight your life will be required of you"...This is how it will be with anyone who is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:19-20)

This man was <u>planning</u> ... I will build ..." BUDGET. BUILDINGS. BLESSINGS His planning was filled with <u>anticipation</u>. He simply did not anticipate that he would die.

Planning and anticipation revolves around goals ... What we hope or need to accomplish.

WHAT CAN I ACCOMPLISH WITH MONEY?

Some folks accomplish very LITTLE even though they have much money!

Luke 12 – full barns...empty life > EASE

Luke 16 – daily luxury ... Eternal torment > **REGRET**

Mark 10 – good intention ... Unacceptable cost > **DISAPPOINTMENT**

Some folks accomplish **MUCH** even though they have **little money**!

John 6 – insignificant amount became more than enough

Exodus 35 – small gifts given repeatedly became immense and inspiring

ATTITUDE

- We are accountable <u>regardless</u> of the <u>amount</u> God has blessed us with.
- 2. "Doing nothing" is a great sin to God
- 3. How I use my resource **today**

determines what resource I will be given **tomorrow**.

TEMPTATION

- I don't have <u>much</u>. It doesn't matter whether I give. (despair)
- I need <u>everything</u> I have. I cannot give it all. (desperation)
- When I have <u>more</u>, I will begin to give. (*dreaming*)

My ability to give to God is not a matter of how much I have. It is a matter of how much I TRUST God with what I have!