

Monday

# Live Generously

**Today's Scripture** Luke 12

I've worn glasses since I was in elementary school. Way back then I just needed them to see things far away. But I still remember what it felt like to put on my glasses and see things I hadn't been able to see before. I could see leaves on trees instead of just green fuzz. It was amazing!

A regular theme in scripture is that our devotion to God will open our eyes to things we failed to notice before. In Luke 12, we meet a man whose only identifying trait is that he is rich. He has a lot of money and a lot of land. By the end of the story, he has a lot of crops, too. He reminds us that people can be rich in many different ways.

As we read we find that the man is blind to the source of his blessings. He takes in a great harvest and takes all the credit for it. He couldn't see the Lord's hand in his blessings. But he's also blind to other people. When he brings in a bumper crop, he only thinks about himself. In just three sentences, the rich fool uses the words "I" or "me" twelve times! Finally, he is blind towards eternity. He never once thinks about the end of his life (which turns out to be a LOT closer than he thought!) or where he will spend eternity. Jesus warns us all, *"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."* (Luke 12:15)

**Today, I will...**resolve to live generously. Open your eyes! Whatever blessings God has placed in your life, share them. If it is money, give some of it away. If it is time, devote it to the Lord's work and spending time with others. If it is a talent, use it for the glory of God. When you are blessed, live generously.