

One Rich Fool
Luke 12:13-21
Stewardship Month 2011 Sermon 1

- The location, circumstances and exact persons are not given.

Luke 12:13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.
14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?

Proverbs 26:17 He that passeth by, and || ameddleth with strife belonging not to him, Is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

QUOTE: The Romans had a proverb which said that money was like sea-water; the more a man drank the thirstier he became. *DSB*

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, ...

I. He Had a Great Prosperity

Luke 12:16B The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

- The Bible is filled with men of wealth (Job, Abraham, etc.).
- There is no sin in wealth

II. He Had Great Plans

A. Plans for Storage

- Luke often features a soliloquy.

Luke 12:17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

B. Plans for Security

Luke 12:19A And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years;

C. Plans for Spare Time

Luke 12:19B take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

III. He Had a Great Problem

Luke 12:20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

A. The Terminology God Presents

“fool”

B. The Termination God Pronounces

“This night thy soul shall be required of thee”

C. The Thinking God Provokes

“Then whose shall these things be, which thou has provided?”

QUOTE: He never saw beyond this world. All his plans were made on the basis of life here. There is a story of a conversation between a young and ambitious lad and an older man who knew life. Said the young man, "I will learn my trade." "And then?" said the older man. "I will set up in business." "And then?" "I will make my fortune." "And then?" "I suppose that I shall grow old and retire and live on my money." "And then?" "Well, I suppose that some day I will die." "And then?" came the last stabbing question. *DSB*

HUMOR: Man to Indian ... why don't you work? Indian ... why? Make money, buy house, buy car, save money and then you will not have to work. Indian ... Me no workum now!

CONCLUSION

Apply each to the points above.

Luke 12:21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

- There is no sin in succeeding, no sin in prospering, no sin in expanding, no sin in making proper storage so that food is not wasted, no sin in making plans for the future.
- So, what was this farmer's problem?

1. The Person Was Wrong – All about me.

- Look through the text with me at the pronouns!

QUOTE: It was said of a self-centred young lady, "Edith lived in a little world, bounded on the north, south, east and west by Edith." *Barclay's Daily Study Bible (NT)*.

Psalm 24:1 (KJV) The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (KJV) 17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

2. The Percentage Was Wrong – All to me.

- Tithing is still the greatest bargain in the world.
- Still only 10 % while other taxes soar!

3. The Priority Was Wrong – All about the good life.

Colossians 3:2 (KJV) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

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