

Stewardship: The Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21

Intro: Ever feel like a fool? 1-800-request (latest aggie joke)

Ever call anyone a fool? "One who acts unwisely"

Text: The two occasions our Lord called a person a fool:

The house builder on sand in the Sermon on the Mount Matt. 7:26

The rich man in Luke 12 who build life on his possessions rather than being rich toward God.

Note Verse 15

I. The occasion of the Warning (V. 13-15)

Jesus is speaking to multitudes about the Holy Spirit.

Interruption: "Make my brother divide our inheritance" (v13)

Matter for court, not Jesus

Jesus saw a covetous motive = Material gains "vs" right of others

And spiritual ends of life.

II. Jesus told a story to illustrate the truth (V. 16-21)

Picture the man whom Jesus called a fool.

Many good qualities – Honesty not questioned

Saved his money- saved his money

Provided employment to barn builders

A very successful fool.

Why did Jesus call him a fool?

1.He forgot God – used "I" 6xs – egotist

My fruits, my good, no gratitude to God

2.He forgot his fellowmen – needed others to plow, sow, harvesters, build new barns

Did not consider needs of others V.17 Hungry and poor

Only concerned for himself

3.He was a spiritual pauper = EMPTY

He thought the blessing of life consisted in goods.

THINK OF ALL HE MISSED

No worship No fellowship with God

No forgiveness No Salvation

No joy of sharing, helping and loving

4.Death came (V.20-21)

WENT INTO ETERNITY TOTALLY UNPREPARED

NO ZERO NADA HEAVENLY TREASURER

Note v.21

Conclusion: How can we not be fools in Christ's eyes?

Know God is the owner

We are to use life as the owner desires.

Our possessions are to glorify God and help others.

GOD IS CONCERNED WITH THE WAY WE ACQUIRE WEALTH AS WELL AS HOW WE USE IT!

John 10:10 "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Matthew 10:8b "Freely you have received, freely give"

FOOLS ARE NOT RICH TOWARD GOD.

WISE PEOPLE ARE RICH TOWARD GOD.