

Why The Rich Man Was Foolish

Luke 12:13-21

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He Forgot Others. (Luke 12:16-18)

- Interest was only in self. (Mt. 16:24-26)
- Must love God. (Mt. 22:37)
- Must love others. (Mt. 22:39; James 1:27; Gal. 1:1-10)
- The Judgment day will find many lost because they forgot to help others. (Mt. 25:41-43)

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He Forgot The Source Of Real Joy. (Luke 12:16-17)

- The rich man thought he could find happiness in eating, drinking and indulging himself. (cf. Eccl. 2:3-11)
 - Solomon tells of his search for happiness and fulfillment. (Book Of Ecclesiastes)
- Money can buy much but it cannot buy love, a clear conscience or true happiness. (Ps. 1:1-2; Mt. 5:11)
- The Eunuch found real happiness when he heard the gospel and obeyed. (Acts 8:39; cf. Acts 16:34)

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He Forgot His Soul. (Luke 12:18-19)

- The Rich man thought of life only in terms of material things. "grains & goods"
- Man may exchange it for material things. (Mt. 16:26; Mk. 10:24)
- The Bible warns of the danger of riches. (1 Tim. 6:9-10; 6:17-19)

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He Forgot About God. (cf. Ps. 111:10)

- The Bible teaches us to put the kingdom of God first and to love God above all others. (Mt. 6:33; 22:37; Mt. 10:37)
- Whatever our long range plans may be, let us remember that the biggest factor of all is God. (cf. Jer. 2:32; 3:21; 13:25; 23:27, 39-40)

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He Forgot About Death.

- **"Many years," VS. "This Day."**
- Death is certain. (Heb. 9:27; Job 14:1; Eccl. 9:5)
- Tomorrow may never be. (James 4:14; Ps. 90:9-10; Amos 4:12)

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He Forgot About Judgment.

(Mt. 25:31; cf. Acts 17:30-31)

■ Judgment based upon...

- Our deeds ... *“the things done in the body.”* 2 Cor. 5:10.
- Our words... Mt. 12:36-37.
- Even our secret things will be judged. Rom. 2:6-8

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He Forgot About...

Others
Real Joy
His Soul
God
Death
Judgment

This Rich man and all like him are LOST!
(Luke 12:21)