

'Fool's Gold'

Parables – Part 5

Luke 12:13-21

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❖ 3 CATEGORIES OF FOOLS:

1. Mental fool.

"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God. . .'" Psalm 14:1a (NKJV)

2. Moral fool.

"The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence." Proverbs 14:16 (NLT)

3. Materialistic fool.

❖ WHAT WE HOPE MORE "STUFF" WILL BRING . . .

➤ More satisfaction.

"Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!" Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT)

➤ More significance.

➤ More security.

"Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle." Proverbs 23:4-5 (NLT)

❖ GOD SAYS A FOOL IS SOMEONE WHO:

1. Demonstrates a self-centered attitude.

'And he thought within himself, saying, "What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?" So he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 'Luke 12:17-19 (NKJV)

"He who trusts in himself is a fool . . ." Proverbs 28:26a (NIV)

2. Estimates that more wealth will reduce stress.

'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."'

Luke 12:19 (NKJV)

"The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers!" Ecclesiastes 5:11 (NLT)

"The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep."

Ecclesiastes 5:12 (NIV)

3. Miscalculates the length and meaning of life.

'But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?" 'So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.'

Luke 12:20-21 (NKJV)