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# *Set Apart From Money*

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# Luke 12:16-18

<sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

# Luke 12:19-21

<sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” (ESV)

# 1. Our Concern: Fairness Or Faithfulness

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The wise man saves for the future,  
but the foolish man spends whatever he gets.

– Proverbs 21:20 (*The Living Bible*)

## 2. Our Attitude: Covetousness Or Stewardship

*15<sup>a</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness,*



“put to death ... **covetousness,**  
which is idolatry”

– **Colossians 3:5**

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is **covetous** (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

– **Ephesians 5:5**

Keep your life free from **love of money**, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

– **Hebrews 13:5**

But those who **desire to be rich** fall into **temptation**, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

– **1 Timothy 6:9**

# 3. Our Identity: Things Or God

*15b for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

<sup>9</sup> But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

– **1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NLT)**

# 4. Our Philosophy: Personal Or Productive

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# 4. Our Philosophy: Personal Or Productive

## *The Fool's 3 Problems:*

- He couldn't evaluate His own soul
- He could only think of Himself
- He couldn't enjoy riches as God's gift

# 5. Our Accountability: Earthly Treasures Or Heavenly Treasures

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[19](#) "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. [20](#) Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. [21](#) Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

– **Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)**

**18** I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, **19** and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

**– Ecclesiastes 2:18-19**

And just as it is appointed for man to die once,  
and after that comes judgment,

– Hebrews 9:27

# 6. Our Legacy: Wasted Or Purposeful

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# **6. Our Legacy: Wasted Or Purposeful**

**Luke 12:20 (NLT) “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’”**

18 I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup> And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless.

– Ecclesiastes 2:18-19



<sup>20</sup> So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup> For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune.

– Ecclesiastes 2:20-21

But seek first the kingdom of God and his  
righteousness, and all these things  
will be added to you.

– **Matthew 6:33**

# Conclusion

- **God and money:** Be grateful for what you have
- **Others and money:** Be generous with what you have
- **Self and money:** Don't let greed define you with what we have or lack.
- **Future and money:** Plan for eternity. Right now counts forever.



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