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# Growing

## Luke 12:13-34 “**Money Foolishness**”

Happiness is not about having the best of everything but making the best of everything. There's a major difference between the richness of having and the richness of being. It's the difference between being foolish or wise with money.

### **Money Foolishness:**

- 1) Desiring something so much that you lose your contentment in God. vv15, 20-21(Phil4:11-13)
- 2) Unable to give faithfully (Pro3:9-10), save systematically (Pro21:20) & spend strategically (Pro24:3). (Pro21:5) 10/10/80
- 3) Not living according to God's Biblical financial principles: Budget (Pro21:5) Accounting (Pro27:23-24) Self-Control (Pro25:2) True wealth (Pro17:1) Generosity (Pro22:9)
- 4) Believing that debt is a lifelong friend rather than a short term visitor. (Pro.22:7)
- 5) Believing that money can be my happiness or buy my happiness. vv15, 23 (1Tim6:6-11; Eccl. 2, 5, 6)

**Money Wisdom:** Wisdom is seeing & responding to life from God's perspective beginning with the fear of the Lord (Pro9:10) which makes us rich toward God.

- 1) All that I have has been given by God – Praise God! In vv17-19 there are 15 personal pronouns. (Job 1:21)
- 2) All that I need is promised by God – Trust God! vv22, 25, 26 don't be anxious, 28 O you of little faith, v32 Fear not, (Phil4:19)
- 3) All that I give is rewarded by God – Give to God! v33 (2Cor.9:6-7)
- 4) All that I do is accountable to God – Live for God! v31 (Rom14:12)
- 5) All that I long for is found in God – Be Satisfied in God! vv32, 34 (Ps63:3)

God is not trying to get your money He's trying to keep your money from getting you. Christian, you are rich beyond the dreams of the world's richest billionaire because of what Christ has done for you on the Cross!

1) Happiness is not about having the best of everything but making the best of everything. What is the difference between the richness of having and the richness of being? How is money foolishness or wisdom not about what you have but our perspective about what we have?

2) Read Luke 12:13-34. How did your family regard possessions while you were growing up? Against what did Jesus warn the crowd and why (vv12-13)? How did the rich man view his possessions & good fortune (v19) & what would become of the man's abundance (v20)?

3) What parts of the parable make you feel uncomfortable? What do people you know tend to worry about? What are we not to worry about (v22)? How is worry thinking we know better than God how something should go?

4) Review the five statements under Money Foolishness in the sermon notes. Which one(s) do you struggle with the most? Review the five statements under Money Wisdom. Which one(s) are strengths & which ones are growth areas for you?

5) What is God speaking to you from this study? What are some next steps that would move you from money foolishness to money wisdom? Pray that db will be a people who are money wise for the glory of God!