

The Rich Fool - The Story Of A Wasted Life

Luke 12:13-21

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Seven Characteristics Of A Wasted Life

1. A Wasted Life May Be Successful In The Eyes Of Others. (*verses 16-19*)

- » *It appears as if this man had it made.*
- » *He was successful in business and took an early retirement.*

2. A Wasted Life Pursues The Wrong Purposes. (*verses 16-19*)

- » *Note the purposes in life that this man pursued:*

a. Possessions

b. Comfort

c. Pleasure

- » *Solomon's Observations – Ecclesiastes 5:10-20*
- » *Solomon's Conclusion - Ecclesiastes 1:2*

3. A Wasted Life Leaves God Out. (*verse 20*)

- » *God calls this man a fool; a fool lives like there is no God.*
- » *Paul's Resolve: Philippians 3:7-11*

4. A Wasted Life Focuses On Self. (verses 16-19)

- » *This man had an “I” problem.*
- » *He lived his life with a “more for me” philosophy.*

5. A Wasted Life Disregards Death. (verse 20)

- » *This man thought he had all the time in the world.*
- » *Solomon’s Conclusion: Ecclesiastes 7:1-2*

6. A Wasted Life Denies Accountability To God. (verse 20)

- » *This man thought he was the boss, but in reality Christ is the Lord to whom he was accountable!*
- » *Solomon’s Conclusions: Ecclesiastes 3:15-17, 12:13-14*
- » *You have not lived a successful life if you are not ready to give account to God!*

7. A Wasted Life Makes No Preparation For Eternity. (verse 20)

- » *The most important task in this life is to prepare for eternity.*
- » *The Question: Are you ready for eternity?*

Mark 8:36 (ESV) – “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?”