

**WCBC WORSHIP SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

**TOPIC:** LEARNING FROM THE "FOOLS" OF THE BIBLE

Sermon 2: *The Money-Loving Fool!*

**TEXT:** Luke 12:13-21

**INTRO:** Background Of The Story

v.20a: = "*fool*" is the Greek word, "aphron," meaning,

"without reason, or the lack of common sense"

**WHY DID GOD CALL THIS MONEY-LOVING PERSON A FOOL?**

**1. Because He Failed To Understand That Riches Can Make A Person Covetous - v.15**

Note: In verse 14, Jesus had sensed greed in the man's heart. No wonder He taught about in verse 15!

**2. Because He Thought That Riches Could Satisfy -v.19**

Note: This man has obviously forgotten the Bible's richest man's (in his time) warning on the meaninglessness of wealth in Ecclesiastes 5:10

- Rev. Gary Houdek

\* "The LOVE of money will never, ever satisfy!"

**3. Because He Was Contentedly Confident To Assume He Would Naturally Live A Long Life And Enjoy His Riches At The Same Time - vv.19-20**

Note: Clearly, he was wrong about this concept! Why?:

A. Life is short - v.20a cf. Eccl. 2:3b; Job 27:8

Note: Job 27:8 states that it is God alone who can determine a person's length of days here on earth!

B. Riches will ALL be left behind-v.20b cf. Eccl. 2:17-21

Note: Eccl. 2:17-21 is not only FOOLISH, but also, highly unfair!

C. Riches will NOT give a sense of security - Prov. 27:1 cf. I Tim. 6:17

Note: Riches are but for a moment. They're here today, but gone tomorrow!

- Hurricane Florence!

**4. Because He Missed The Truth That True Riches Are Spiritual And Not Material - vv.15,21**

A. They are found in Christ alone! - Colossians 1:27

Note: If you are in Christ today, you are RICH!

B. They are to be stored up in Heaven! - v.21 cf. 32-34; Matthew 6:19-21

**CONCLUSION:** Christ's Offer Of True Riches!

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**Is This Success?**

In 1923, a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Collectively, these tycoons controlled more wealth than there was in the US Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples.

Twenty seven years later, let's see what happened to them:

1. CHARLES SCHWAB - the president of the largest independent steel company, lived on borrowed money in the last five years of his life, and died penniless!
2. ARTHUR CUTTEN - the greatest wheat speculator, died abroad bankrupt!
3. RICHARD WHITNEY - the president of the New York Stock Exchange, was released some time ago from Sing Sing Prison, in New York!
4. ALBERT FALL - a member of the president's cabinet, was pardoned from prison so he could die at home!
5. JESSE LIVERMORE - the greatest bear in Wall Street, committed suicide!
6. LEON FRASER - the president of the Bank of International Settlement, committed suicide!
7. IVAR KRUGER - the head of the world's greatest monopoly, committed suicide!

"All of these men had learned how to make money, but none of them had learned HOW TO LIVE (i.e., living with godly wisdom and the fear of the Lord!)" - James Hewett

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**Verse For Today**

*"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'" - Luke 12:20*

**Thought For Today**

"A TRULY wise man will not pursue the riches of this world as he knows they are but temporary!" - Anonymous

