

# THE MAN GOD CALLED A FOOL

## Luke 12: 13 - 21

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### INTRODUCTION

1. The background of this parable is found in Luke 12: 13 - 15.
2. Jesus, after He had been approached by the man wanting him to speak to his brother about having him divide the inheritance with him, --v. 13 -- gave a double-barreled warning in verse 15 about covetousness.

(1) *"Take heed"* and *"beware"*

3. This parable is intended to enforce the necessary caution to us all -- to take heed of covetousness.

### I. WHAT IS COVETOUSNESS?

1. "COVETOUSNESS" is the unsatisfied desire to have more and more.
2. It is the greed for things; the passion for acquiring things or possessions
3. It is an inordinate love of things
4. It's ambition is to add dollar to dollar, house to house, business to business, for the purpose of possessing and hoarding the material things.

### II. THE COVETOUS MAN MAKES THREE MISTAKES:

1. He misunderstands the purpose of life.

(1) He thinks it consists in the abundance of material possessions -- Luke 12:15

2. He misunderstands the right use of his worldly possessions.

(1) He hoards for his own use

(2) He does not understand they are to be used for the good of others -- Eph. 4:28; I Cor. 16:2

3. He neglects the needs of his soul

(1) He prefers riches that he can "see" and "handle" to the "unseen" and "eternal" treasures laid up in heaven -- I Tim. 6: 17 - 19; Matt. 6: 19 - 20

### III. THE COMPANY COVETOUSNESS KEEPS:

1. Covetousness is cataloged with the vilest and most repulsive sins -- Col. 3: 5 - 7; Eph. 5:5

2. It often causes other terrible evils:

(1) Covetousness involves one in the gratification of the lust of the flesh

(2) It involves one in adultery, fornication, uncleanness, etc. . . .

### IV. ITS CONSEQUENCES ARE TERRIBLE:

1. It brings sorrow and trouble -- I Tim. 6: 9 - 10
2. It brings the wrath of God -- Col. 3: 5 - 6
3. It excludes one from the Kingdom of Heaven -- Col. 3:5; Rev. 22; 14 - 15
4. It consigns one to eternal punishment -- Rev. 21:8