

The parable in today's passage is commonly known as the Parable of the Rich Fool. There are a few key insights that are important to properly interpret this parable. First, understanding why God called this man a fool is essential. Another key is found in verse 21, which says, "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

It is also important to understand the context of this parable. One person among the crowd listening to Jesus suddenly made a request: "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." To this, Jesus replied, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

So, what is the secret to a wise life according to Jesus, as revealed in the parable of the rich fool?

First, know who the true owner is.

In verses 17-19, what does the rich man keep saying? He refers to "my barns, my grain, my goods, and my soul." The Bible emphasizes that he considered everything as his own. His thoughts and heart were focused solely on himself. But in verse 20, God says, "Your soul will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" In other words, is that really your barn? Is that really your grain, your goods, your soul? Especially the phrase "your soul will be demanded" makes it clear that even our souls belong to God and are in His hands.

If we live thinking we are the owner when we are not, we live foolishly. The Word of God teaches us that God is the owner of the whole world and of our lives. One day, we will stand before Him and give an account of how we used what He entrusted to us.

Therefore, it is wise to live confessing and acknowledging who the true owner is. Wisdom is not living for oneself alone, but for God and for others.

Second, seek joy for your soul.

In verse 19, the man says, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." He is speaking to his soul, encouraging it to be merry. He mistakenly believes that abundant possessions will satisfy his life. But in verse 15, Jesus says, "Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Our hearts and souls cannot find true joy or satisfaction in material wealth. Our souls find true satisfaction only when we believe in Jesus and when the Holy Spirit dwells in us. It is wise to realize that only in a relationship with God can we experience true satisfaction.

Third, prepare for eternity.

Why did Jesus call this rich man a fool, even though he had prepared well for life on earth and had achieved success? It was because he had not prepared for what truly mattered—eternity. Though he used wisdom and effort to prepare for his earthly life, he failed to realize that there is an eternal kingdom. That's why Jesus called him a fool: he did not prepare for eternal life.

Have you prepared for eternal life? Believing in Jesus as your Savior and Lord is how you prepare for eternity. You may appear successful in the eyes of the world, but still be a fool in the eyes of God.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.’” (Luke 12:15)

**Bible
Reading**

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Quiet Time Passage

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Num. 29:1-11	Num. 29:12-40	Num. 30:1-16	Num. 31:1-12	Num. 31:13-24	Num. 31:25-54	Num. 32:1-15

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share a testimony of God’s grace that you experienced in your life this past week through the Sunday message or your daily devotion.

2. Share any new insights or blessings you received through today’s message.

3. Reflect on whether you are a wise or foolish person in terms of ownership, the joy of the soul, and preparation for eternity. Share how you can live wisely in God.