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THE CRUELEST SCAM OF ALL

Luke 12:13-21, p. 74

Introduction:

1. There are many cautionary tales in the Bible for us to consider. This is one of the most pointed of all.
2. All of us have the opportunity to be rich in many different ways.

I. Let's be reasonable, vs. 13-14.

A. Expectations exceed reality, **Micah 6:8**.

B. As a Christian, what are my rights? **Rom. 2:1, 3; 9:20**.

II. Let us plan for the future, vs. 15-21.

A. Three mistakes we might make, **I Tim. 6:6-10**.

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B. The real issue is . . . , **Eccl. 11:9; Luke. 6:38; Rom. 12:20**.

Conclusion:

1. We can be foolish and still go to heaven.
2. We can and need to determine that personal relationship with the Lord that will make all the difference in this life and for eternity.

Michah 6:8 reads, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Romans 2:1,3; 9:20 reads, "Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things." "Do you imagine, whoever you are, that when you judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself, you will escape the judgment of God?" "But who indeed are you, a human being, to argue with God? Will what is molded say to the one who molds it, 'Why have you made me like this?'"

I Timothy 6:6-10 reads, "Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains."

Ecclesiastes 11:9 reads, "Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment."

Luke 6:38 reads, "...give and it will be given you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Romans 12:20 reads, "No, if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."