

# A Wrong Focus

Sunday Morning, October 11, 2015

## Introduction:

### I. Jesus Redirects A Worldly Focus (Luke 12: 13 – 15)

13 Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

14 But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"

15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

My personal testimony of my family inheritance. Lost promised inheritance from my mother, but secured with my heavenly inheritance as a joint heir with Christ.

### II. Jesus Reveals Five Principles of A Wrong Focus in Life (Luke 12: 16 – 17)

16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

17 And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?'

When our hearts are focused on ourselves, we do not give God the credit for what He has done.

Jesus spoke not just to the man, but the crowd..  
"He spoke a parable to them"

All people are tempted with wanting more.

"Civilization is the limitless multiplication of unnecessary necessities."  
Mark Twain

When our plans focus on ourselves, we make plans but leave God out.

### (James 4: 13 – 16)

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";

14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

When our hearts are focused on ourselves, we consider spending our resources only on ourselves.

### Make Life's Plans Under God's Leadership For Your Life (Proverbs 30: 7 – 9)

7 Two things I request of You (Deprive me not before I die):

8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches— Feed me with the food allotted to me;

9 Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the Lord?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.

### (Matthew 13:22)

Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

### (I Timothy 6: 6 - 10, 17 -19)

6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

When our hearts are focused on ourselves,  
we store our treasures in the wrong place.

### (Matthew 6:20)

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

"fool" = in greek aphron

Not referring to mental ability, but referring to a lack of spiritual discernment.

Foolish People Leave God Out of Their Lives

### (Psalm 14:1)

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.

- ✝ A Fool Misses Out On the Point of Life
- ✝ Worldly Success is Not the Point of Life
- ✝ Living in the Will of God For His Glory is the Point or Purpose of Life
- ✝ Remember, You Can't Take It With You!

When our hearts are focused on ourselves,  
we will find our lives in conflict with God's plan for our lives.

Would you want to trade places with a man like Cecil Rhodes? Maybe you'll say yes when you find out that he was wealthy beyond description. Through some shrewd but ruthless business dealings, he made a killing on diamond and gold mines in South Africa [during the early 1900s]. He was living proof that "you can have it all." Or was he? As he lay moaning on his deathbed, this unbelievably affluent man said, "I've found much in Africa - diamonds, gold, and land are mine- but now I must leave them all behind. Not a thing I've gained can be taken with me. Eternal treasures that abide I have not sought; therefore I actually have nothing at all."

### Conclusion:

What's Most Important in Life for You?

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