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#### Luke 12:16-21

The Lord's parable of the foolish wealthy man is a study in misplaced priorities. Modern believers can learn from three mistakes he made: providing for himself, not others; providing for his body, not his spirit; and providing for this life, not the one to come.

There is a penalty for misplaced priorities. This foolish man passed away with no opportunity to enjoy his goods. What's even worse, he died with a bankrupt soul.

Serving the Lord and His kingdom is the key to setting correct goals. When believers make service for God a main concern, they will use a lens of righteousness to order their priorities. The question we ought to be asking is not "What shall I do?" but rather "Lord, what would *You* have me do?" The answer—which should be prayerfully sought and biblically evaluated—dictates which things we must put first in order to achieve God's purpose for us.

Life is not something that simply happens to people. Where we are today is largely determined by the way we prioritized our concerns in previous months and years. This means that we can positively impact our future by organizing our priorities according to biblical guidelines. Then, unlike the foolish man in Jesus' parable, we will learn the eternal value of providing for others so that our own soul is fed. More than that, we will "store up for [our]selves treasures in heaven,

where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal" (Matt. 6:20).

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