

Three Costly Mistakes

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But He said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?" Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

It seems that one desire that is constant anywhere I have traveled is the desire for security. The same is true in this parable. Security found in having an abundance of something is what made this person satisfied. He knew that he had more than enough to get him through many seasons of life. However, he made three costly mistakes. Let's carefully view these errors so we can avoid them and have true security.

His Mistakes.

He made the mistake of:

1. Believing he was in charge.

Psalm 53:1, 10:4, Luke 9:23, Jude 1:24-25, Revelation 4:11

2. Caring for the body and forgetting the soul.

Luke 11:40, Job 27:8, 8:13, Matthew 16:26

3. Focusing on the temporary and failing to consider the eternal.

Ecclesiastes 11:9, Psalm 39:6, 49:10, 1 Peter 1:24

Our Response:

Realize that there is life after death.

Recognize that we have an eternal soul.

Confess that we desire God's control.

Romans 14:11-12, Matthew 12:36, 1 Peter 4:5, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Romans 14:7-8, Galatians 2:20