

Luke 12:13-21 teaches about the end of life, and where we are all heading. Then we will know whether we have been truly successful in life. Material things are not the true measure of a successful life. It is the lie the world has been selling to us. The world lives as if success is the accumulation of as much possessions in this lifetime as possible. But this view of life will evaporate once death comes. The true measure of life is eternal and spiritual, not present and material. We must look at our life in terms of our Creator and what He wants for us.

The parable in Luke 12:13-21 addresses those who have a great burden for their material possessions. The rich man had great success materially, and he thought he had reached the pinnacle of life, but God called him a fool. When we look at our life, we must use God’s standard to evaluate if the life we lived has been really worthwhile. God’s evaluation of life is entirely different from what man thinks. God is not interested in all that man had stored up. God is only interested in man’s soul. However, the rich man never even thought about his soul in his pursuit of material possessions. When he stands before God, he will be found wanting, and the burden of his sins will weigh him down. We all will be weighed against God’s standard at the end of our lives, and all our sins and trespasses, our failures to acknowledge Him will have to be accounted for.

Our presence in this world is not an accident. We have a Creator who made us individually. Every life has a meaning and purpose, which is to have eternal fellowship with Him. We have rejected God and His purpose, and have created materialism in an attempt to create our own standard in life. However, we cannot escape the reality that there is a God and every one of us is accountable to Him. It is impossible for us to stand when we are judged for our every word, thought and deed.

God has made a way for us to be saved through Jesus Christ. Jesus lived a holy life, died an atoning death and rose again the third day. His work is done. In dying for us, He has paid the penalty for our sins, so that we can have eternal life. In living for us, He has earned for us the righteousness that we need for us to be accepted by God. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and He alone can take our death and give us His life. He has suffered infinitely for us. All that remains is for us to have faith and to believe in Him. This is our only hope, but it is a great and glorious hope.

After receiving Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we must live for Jesus - not perfectly, but we are to grow and improve. We seek His Will, and are no longer deceived by the poor substitutes the world tries to provide. We have Christ, His righteousness and all the blessings that He has prepared for us.

Reject the things of the world and ask God to save you through Jesus. He will never turn away anyone who comes to Him faithfully and sincerely. We have no guarantee that we will see tomorrow, we may stand before Him tonight. Before then, be sure that your life is secure and that you are right with God.

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