

# **THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM**

*A Study of the Parables of Jesus*

## **A FOOL AND HIS MONEY**

*Luke 12:13-21      Jeff Schreve*

*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!" Luke 12:19-20*

### **What is God's definition of a fool?**

#### **1. A fool is someone who thinks only of self.**

*And he began reasoning to himself, saying, "What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?" Luke 12:17*

A. He is focused on I and my.

B. He is uncaring when it comes to others.

C. He is forgetful when it comes to God.

*Beware lest you forget the LORD your God ... lest, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, then your heart becomes proud, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. Deuteronomy 8:11-14*

#### **2. A fool is someone who thinks money and stuff will satisfy.**

*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." Luke 12:15*

A. Material possessions can never satisfy the human soul.

*He who loves money will not be satisfied with money.*

*Ecclesiastes 5:10*

B. Satisfaction in life can only be found in Jesus Christ.

*You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.*

*Psalm 16:11*

**3. A fool is someone who thinks not of eternity.**

*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 lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.*

*Luke 12:20-21*

A. He does not invest in eternity.

B. He does not prepare for eternity.

**If your soul were required of you today, would you be ready?**