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**Which is the fool?** *Our beliefs about finances are diametrically opposed to God's.*

### **Mark 12**

**Luke 12** we meet a rich man.

What did God have to say to this man? ***“You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?”***

Jesus added: *“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”* (Luke 12:20-21)

\*By our standards, the widow's actions seem unwise and the rich man's seem wise. Yet from an eternal perspective the poor woman was eternally wise and the rich man eternally foolish.

### **A fool forever**

Luke 16:11 (NLT) <sup>11</sup> *And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?*

- \*Are you living with a short term mindset or an eternal “true riches” mindset? What are you aiming at?
- Foolishness: Are you hoarding Zim dollars?
- “He who provides for this life but takes not care for eternity is wise for a moment but a fool forever.” John Tillotson
- Every increase in income is truly a blessing from God, but it is also a test.

### **Conclusion**

An eternal perspective is critical. Only then can we make the life-change that is needed to be eternally wise.

**Note:** Some of the content of this message comes from the book: Money, possessions and eternity by Randy Alcorn. I can highly recommend it.