

Golden Fools

by Thomas Brooks

Thomas Brooks' sermon 'Golden Fools' warns against prioritizing material wealth over spiritual richness and the eternal consequences of such foolishness.

Scripture: Luke 12:19

Topics: "Spiritual Wealth", "The Folly of Materialism"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the folly of prioritizing earthly treasures over spiritual wealth, warning that those who focus solely on material possessions are ultimately foolish. He reflects on the parable of the rich fool from Luke 12:19-21, illustrating how people often indulge their physical needs while neglecting their souls. Brooks calls out the 'golden fools' of his time, who adorn their bodies but leave their spirits impoverished. He urges listeners to consider the eternal implications of their choices and to invest in their relationship with God rather than in transient worldly pleasures.

Transcript

And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry!" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God. Luke 12:19-21

Every man in the world is a fool--who heaps up treasure to himself--and is not rich towards God. This age is full of such golden fools, who pamper their bodies--but starve their souls: who primp and trim up their bodies

with gold, silver, and silks--while their souls are naked,
and ragged, and destitute of all grace and goodness.
Such fools only mind and care for the things of this life
--as what they shall eat, and what they shall drink, and
what they shall put on. They are all for their bodies, their
bellies, their backs. They take no care, they make no
provision for their immortal souls. So fools look only to
their bodies; and have no concern for their souls. Only
let them have but food for their bodies--and they care
not what becomes of their souls! Surely no fools like
these fools!

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