



The Gift of Money

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(Part 3) The Price of Foolishness

*"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 12:20-21*

Stock portfolios, retirement plans, investment diversification and insurance programs - we are a generation consumed with "wealth management" matters. While financial planning can be useful for the wise management of personal resources, it can also become a selfish means of building "bigger barns".

Jesus told the parable of the rich fool to illustrate a vital truth -- *"A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."* This powerful story reveals how God views the gift of money and wealth He has given to us. Like the rich fool of this parable, it's just as easy today to get caught in the trap of foolishness when it comes to money. When money is spent to bless others, it becomes a tangible expression of what it means to be rich toward God. When hoarded, building "bigger barns" to spend on ourselves, money is simply lost opportunity that God calls foolishness. The price of foolishness is enormous -- it is to end up with nothing in the end, and the terrifying prospect of facing God with an empty account.

As grandparents, is it not our responsibility to make sure we are not guilty of promoting foolishness with our grandchildren in our desire to spoil them? It's alright to lavish gifts on our grandchildren, as long as we are equally diligent to teach and model what it means to be rich toward God. That happens as we intentionally choose to view money as gift of God to be used to glorify Him by blessing others. This is the way of wisdom and true prosperity.

ACTION STEP:

Instead of spoiling our grandchildren with "things", why not spoil them with our time engaging in activities together to help others in need? Take on a project together to raise money to help with a special need in your area. If you are a long

distant grandparent, regularly share with your grandchildren how God blesses you as you use your resources to bless others. Encourage them to do the same.

GRANDPAUSE:

"Five minutes after I die, what will I wish I would have given away while I still had the chance?" Randy Alcorn

[Weekly Prayer Suggestion For Grandparents: Spiritual Trust Fund](#)

Suggested Reading:

[Giving: Unlocking the Heart of Good Stewardship, Pursuing Spiritual Transformation by John Ortberg; Zondervan](#)

[The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn; Multnomah](#)

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