

# The Anatomy Of A Fool

Luke 12:13-21

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Intro. [A] Jesus warned the Jews of calling a brother a fool. Matt. 5:22 (This was in the context of being angry)

1. Such name calling never settles an issue.

2. However, whoever God calls a fool, is a fool.

Psalm 14:1: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God".

3. If a man says, "There is no God", I can call that man a fool.

[B] In these verses God calls a man a fool.

1. It is in our best interest to know why God calls this man a fool.

Vs. 22 2. Jesus used him to teach His disciples a lesson.

3. This is the reason for the sermon title.

Anatomy = the art of separating the parts of an animal or plants in order to obtain their position, relations, structure, and function. Webster's 7<sup>th</sup> New Dictionary

4. This will we do to scriptures to learn, why?

## I. Evidence Number One.

[A] This unnamed man interrupted Jesus.

Vs. 13 1. "And one of the company said unto Him..."

2. This was not about a spiritual matter

[B] This man had an opportunity to ask questions of great importance.

1. Others had come to Jesus for answers.

2. The sick, the dying, the grieving,

3. Those who were frightened, uncertain and confused.

4. What questions would you ask Jesus?

### III. Evidence Number Three.

- A.** Jesus used the man's grievous and damning sin as a warning to His disciples.
- Vs. 15a
1. "take heed" = ὄραω = "to see", "applied to bodily sight", "look to", "look at this man".
  2. "beware" = φυλάσσω = "to be sleepless", "guard".
  3. "covetousness" = πλεονεξία = "having more" "the will to have more", that is, a larger portion, advantage, superiority, In plural, plans of fraud and extortion.

- B.** The limitations of material possessions.
- 15b
1. "... for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth".
  2. "life" = ζωή = "to breathe the breath of life"
  3. "consisteth" = εἶμι = "to be", "the ordinary verb of existence". "for even when a man has more than enough, his wealth does not give him life".
  4. When God says die, you will die.

### IV. Evidence Number Four.

- A.** Jesus spoke a parable to illustrate this man's foolishness.
- Vs. 16
1. "And he spoke a parable unto them saying".
  2. Vs. 16-20. "Barn" = ἀποθήκη = "a storage area"
- "fool" = ἀφρων = "without mind", "senseless" destitute of any sound principles".
- "Soul" = ψυχῆ = one of the manifestations of ζωή (life) here breath as a sign of life
- "be required" = ἀπαίτέω = "to demand back from anyone" God gave life and now He demands it back.
- OR This gave his life to acquire many things. Now they are exacting their price, his life.