

A close-up, low-angle shot of a wooden floor with a yellow rectangular overlay containing text. The floor is made of light-colored wood planks, and the lighting creates a warm, golden glow. The yellow overlay is semi-transparent and has rounded corners. The text is centered on the right side of the overlay.

The Poor Fool

Luke 12:13-21

Luke 12:13-15 NASB

Someone in the crowd said to Him,
"Teacher, tell my brother to divide the
family inheritance with me." 14 But He
said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a
judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 Then
He said to them, "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."

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1 Timothy 6:17-19 NASB

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. 18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

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- A Wealth in God Himself

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Isaiah 22:12-13 NASB

Therefore in that day the Lord GOD of hosts called you to weeping, to wailing, To shaving the head and to wearing sackcloth. 13 Instead, there is gaiety and gladness, Killing of cattle and slaughtering of sheep, Eating of meat and drinking of wine: **"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we may die."**

1 Corinthians 15:32 NASB

32 If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

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Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 NASB

18 Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward. 19 Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God. 20 For he will not often consider the years of his life, because God keeps him occupied with the gladness of his heart.

1 Timothy 6:6-11 NASB

But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.
7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. 8 If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

1 Timothy 6:6-11 NASB

9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 11 But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.

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Philippians 3:7-11 NASB

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

Philippians 3:7-11 NASB

8 ... I count all things to be loss ... so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Acquiring a Stake in Christ Himself

- Believe in Him (Rom. 10:9-10)
- Repent (Luke 11:3)
- Confess Him as Lord (Rom. 10:9-10)
- Be Buried with Him in Baptism
(Rom. 6:3-5)
- Rise to Walk in Newness of Life
(Rom. 6:3-5)