

Consciousness
LK 12:13-35

There are three parables which come together in Luke and may be classed as P's "wisdom" they are as follows:

1. Parable of the foolish rich man.
2. " " Baren fig tree
3. " " Wheat tippor

To night we study the first that of the foolish rich man. (Read the story)

"Speak to my brother". It was custom for elders to have double portion.

Judge - Jews did not take part in secular affairs - neither should we any more than speaking truth and if that hurts O.K.

"Beware of Covetousness" i.e. of all inordinate desires. Two Greek words here $\omega\lambda\iota\upsilon\sigma\mu\acute{o}\varsigma$ - more $\epsilon\chi\epsilon\iota\upsilon\sigma\mu\acute{o}\varsigma$ = to have = to have more and more.

Life consisteth not in the abundance of things which a man possesseth - life is a gift from God and is kept up by what is needed and not by superabundance - the love of the superabundance will engross mind and heart and drive out higher thoughts and aims.

The parable has two parts - the first is the folly and second the danger of covetousness that which is beyond cure.

prospect good, so much
that he resolved to pull down
his old house and build new ones.

There is nothing wrong about his having
foreseen (although his life was not dis-
tained by that part of his possessions which
were the ~~...~~ but his folly
was added - ~~...~~ - for God was not
in his thoughts.

In all his plans God was left out.
He cared all for riches and nothing for serving
God. He remembered not his stewardship
but laid all up for himself. "How thou hast
much goods laid up for many years: take
thine ease eat, drink and be merry!"

But suddenly his plans crumble. "How
fool, this night is thy sole reckoning of these
and this is to come to every one who layeth
up treasure for himself and is not rich to
ward God.

In Talmud we read that a Jewish Rabbi
said Repent the day B'F. you die and was asked
"Can a man know day of his death?" He said
"Yes that ground one should repent to-day lest
he die tomorrow so that each day be one of
Repentance."

☰ The moral, friends, is that in all our
desires and plans we have God and that
we so live and plan that our treasure be
stored in heaven where moth and rust
do not corrupt and where thieves do not
break through our store.