Having A Happy Thanksgiving Luke 12:13-34

<u>Jesus</u> was <u>Speaking</u> about the <u>Danger</u> of <u>Hypocrisy</u> & the <u>High</u> <u>COST</u> of being a Bold & Unashamed <u>Disciple</u>.

Jesus <u>Illustrates</u> the Danger of <u>GREED</u> & How there's Much <u>MORE</u> to LIFE than the <u>Things</u> you <u>Possess</u>.

<u>Three Lessons</u> Stand Out in this story of the <u>Rich Fool</u> that <u>If Applied</u> Properly will <u>Enable</u> us to <u>Celebrate</u> an Incredible <u>Thanksgiving</u>...

1. KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THE MAIN THING.

- Jesus Calls this man a <u>FOOL</u> for Placing the <u>Emphasis</u> of his <u>LIFE</u> on <u>Temporal Stuff</u>.
- Many <u>Think</u> their <u>Life</u>, their <u>Worth</u>, their <u>Value</u> & their <u>Importance</u> are <u>Measured</u> by <u>How Much Stuff</u> they have.
- Jesus Reminds Us that Our Lives are of Immeasurable Value to God.
- Let us <u>Keep our Focus</u> on the <u>BIG Picture</u> & NOT become <u>Distracted</u> by <u>STUFF</u>.

REMEMBER YOUR DEPENDENCE ON <u>OTHERS</u>.

- Jesus Calls this man a FOOL because he Lived his LIFE Only with HIMSELF in mind.
- How Easy to Forget how INTERdependent we are!
- This Man was a FOOL because he Ignored the Contributions of Others.
- Let us <u>Take Time</u> to <u>Reflect</u> & Give <u>Thanks</u> for ALL who <u>Played</u> a Part in Bringing us where we Are <u>Today</u>.

REMEMBER YOUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD.

- Jesus Calls this man a <u>FOOL</u> because he <u>Lived</u> his LIFE <u>Without</u> acknowledging <u>Dependence</u> on <u>GOD</u>.
- It <u>Seems</u> he's <u>Made Himself</u> the god of his LIFE...
- Many <u>THINK...God</u> needs to <u>Adjust</u> HIS <u>Plans</u> to <u>theirs</u>.
- GOD IS GOD & He plays Second Fiddle to NO ONE.
- Little did this FOOL Know that the REST of his Life was just a Few Short Breaths away.
- <u>Determine</u> TODAY to Give <u>Practical Evidence</u> in How you <u>Seek FIRST</u> His Kingdom & Make <u>God's Agenda</u> THE PRIORITY in your life.