

*The Father and the Fool*

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Luke 1:33 "of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 4:43: "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."

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### **I. The fool invests everything into nothing.**

Covetousness: "the state of *desiring* more than one's due."

Covetousness = Idolatry (Colossians 3:5)

"Life" = salvation

"Rich toward God" – alive to God

- 1) It is foolish to be greedy while neglecting generosity.
- 2) It is foolish to think you control your own destiny.
- 3) It is foolish to assume you can bring yourself security.
- 4) It is foolish to claim ownership when your role is stewardship.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." - Jim Elliot

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## **II. The father gives security that silences anxiety.**

### A. Your anxiety cannot save you. (22-28)

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### B. God’s security will not fail you. (29-34)

Seek: To strive for, to devote serious effort to obtaining something.

“To seek is to set your heart on something, to make it your main objective. What you seek is what you think about; it is what you pursue; it is what you live for.” - Philip Ryken

**Main Idea: Seek the Kingdom or play the fool.**

“You can’t take it with you, but you can send it ahead.” - Randy Alcorn

[Picture of Gollum falling into Mount Doom – **display while reading the Gollum part**]

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