

# The Ultimate Miscalculation

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*The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception. (**Proverbs 14:8, NIV**)*

**“Most people don’t lead their own lives, they accept their lives.”**

**-John Kotter**

*By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. (**2 Peter 1:3a, NLT**)*

*Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.” Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?” Then he said, “Beware! Don’t be greedy for what you don’t have. Real life is not measured by how much we own.” And he gave an illustration: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. In fact, his barns were full to overflowing. So he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store everything. And I’ll sit*

*back and say to myself, My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!’” “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get it all?’” “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” (Luke 12:13-21, NLT)*

*“My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!” (Luke 12:19, NLT)*

### **3 Fatal Miscalculations About Life**

#### **1. He had a flawed definition of “the good life”.**

*Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! (Ecclesiastes 5:10, NLT)*

*Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle. (Proverbs 23:4-5, NLT)*

**What is your scorecard for life?**

**When values get clear, decisions get simple.**

**You can do almost ANYTHING you want, you just can't do EVERYTHING you want.**

#### **2. He thought he had unlimited time.**

***You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath. (\*Psalm 39:5, NLT)\****

*How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. (James 4:14, NLT)*

**“Remember to keep death before your eyes daily.” -St. Benedict**

### **3. He lived as though this life was all there is.**

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart... (**Ecclesiastes 3:11a, NIV**)*

*If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.*

**(Romans 10:9-10, NLT)**

***“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important”. -C.S. Lewis***