Jesus called him a *FOOL!*

We can be so focused on our <u>"business"</u> that we completely miss the MOST IMPORTANT aspect of life... **the <u>ETERNAL</u> destination of our soul!**

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### You Don't Have to be a Fool!

If you are a person who already believes in God, but has not taken the claims of Christ seriously yet... there is still time.

**NOW** is the time for salvation!

Who promised you that you will be alive tomorrow? Don't <u>put off</u> to a day that you might not see, that which <u>you need to do now</u>!

**Jesus DIED for your sins.** Will you accept the gift of salvation that He offers?

If you want to take Jesus seriously right now, pray the following prayer and mean it in your heart. Have faith in Him!

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Dear God,

I know I'm a sinner. I've done things that displease You. When I think of Your Ten Commandments, I know I have broken most of them. I want You to save me from my sins and the punishment I deserve.

So, as best I know how, I take Jesus to be my Savior and Lord right now. And I ask for Your help to enable me to live in such a way as to increasingly please You and help others to know and love You too.

Thank You for forgiving me and cleansing me of my sins.

Thank You for preparing a place for me in Heaven.

In Jesus' Name I pray,

Amen.

If you have prayed this prayer, please let us know. We want to rejoice with you in the best and most important decision that you have ever made!

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**"I believe in God.** I will become religious when I get older."

"I am too busy to get involved in church right now. Once I settle down and establish myself, I will get more serious."

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You have likely heard sayings like this before, perhaps <u>you</u> have even said them. Statements like these indicate a **belief in God**. They indicate **some level of concern or interest** in learning more about God. However, they do not stress any type of urgency. If you have had similar thoughts, you are not alone; this mode of thinking is not a "modern day" phenomena. There are examples of this in the Bible.

"And they all with one consent began to make **excuse**. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused." Luke 14:18

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"And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused." Luke 14:19

"And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." Luke 14:20

The above passages are excerpts from a story Jesus told about guests invited to a great supper and the excuses they gave to not attend. This is like God's invitation to us to come into His kingdom and we make excuses not to.

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Now is the Time!

Very poor excuses! Every one of these thoughts are completely unacceptable to God! <u>He loves YOU</u> so much, that He asked His Son, Jesus Christ, to **DIE** in **YOUR** place for **YOUR** sins so that **YOU** could be forgiven!

There is NO EXCUSE! God says that NOW is the time for salvation!

"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, <u>now</u> is the accepted time; behold, <u>now</u> is the day of salvation.)" 2 Corinthians 6:2

Good Intentions

Most of the above mentioned excuses appear to have <u>"good inten-</u> <u>tions"</u>. Many seem to include the idea that there is a plan to <u>"make</u> <u>peace with God"</u> later. Is there ever a bad time to make peace with God?

Some of these excuses give the impression of "valid concern" and "good stewardship". Isn't it appropriate for one to look after their relationship with a new spouse? Is it not proper to be diligent in conducting your business?

Is There a Bad Time to Make Peace with God?

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Yes, there is! The Bible has the following to say about someone who was trying to be a "good steward".

"And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, **Thou fool**, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Luke 12:18-20

When you are DEAD, you cannot make peace with God!

The above is from a story Jesus told of a man who had worked very diligently and had great success in his business. He was going to build bigger barns to properly store and take care of his prosperity.