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Knowing that my remaining days are few, I've been trying to downsize and say farewell to many things I have collected over the years. Soon, in an instant, there will be a total downsizing: "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (*1 Tim. 6:7*). We will never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul.

After Job was stripped of his possessions and even his beloved children, he was reminded of this truth: "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither" (*Job. 1:21*). "For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory [wealth, possessions] shall not descend after him" (*Psalms 49:17*). "As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand" (*Eccl. 5:15*).

The foolish rich man wanted to upsize his possessions by building bigger storage buildings, but he would not live to see another sunrise. His wealth would go to others. He laid up treasures for himself and lost them all for he was not rich toward God (*Luke 12:16-21*).

Though we cannot take anything with us, yet thankfully there is a way to send true riches ahead of us: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (*Matt. 6:19-21*). There's no better investment!

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