

# The Foolish Indians

by Thomas Brooks

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*Thomas Brooks urges listeners to prioritize eternal riches over fleeting worldly treasures and to find value in knowing Christ.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:19, Philippians 3:8

**Topics:** "Worldly Temptations", "Eternal Value"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the folly of valuing worldly possessions and pleasures over the eternal treasures found in God. He compares foolish individuals who prioritize trivialities, like the foolish Indians who preferred toys over gold, to those who neglect the glory and happiness of the eternal world for fleeting vanities. Brooks calls for a deeper holiness in believers' hearts, suggesting that true value lies in knowing Christ and discarding all else as worthless in comparison. He urges listeners to reflect on their priorities and the eternal implications of their choices.

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## Transcript

The foolish Indians preferred every toy and trifle,  
before their mines of gold. Just so, many foolish  
professors prefer the trifling vanities of this world,  
before the glorious treasures and endless pleasures  
which are at God's right hand. Witness that high  
price which they set upon . . .  
the toys,  
the trifles,  
the vanities,  
the empty honors,  
the fading riches, and

the fleeting pleasures of this world!

How severely are they to be censured--who prefer  
the poor, base, empty nothings of this world--before  
all the glory and happiness of the eternal world!

Were there but more holiness in your hearts--all  
the mirthful and gallant things of this world, would be  
more contemptible in your eyes.

"Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with  
the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

I have discarded everything else, counting it all as  
garbage, so that I may have Christ." Philippians 3:8

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