



WEALTH

SCRIPTURAL TEACHINGS

“Whoever loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and olive oil will never be rich”
(Proverbs 21:17).

“Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings
and fly off to the sky like an eagle” (Proverbs 23:5, NIV). Why pursue riches?

“There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun: riches being hoarded by their owner to his hurt”
(Ecclesiastes 5:13). Be careful.

“Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven” (Matthew 5:3).
What about the rich in spirit?

“...the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word...” (Mark 4:19).

Where we choose to store our treasures makes all the difference in whether God
views us as a wise man or a fool. Read Luke 12.

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth,
but put their hope in God” (1 Timothy 6:17).

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Jesus was the richest “man” in the universe, yet He faced a divine purpose that collided
with His exalted place in Heaven. What did he do?

Remember, investing in the Kingdom for the King always makes you richer – never poorer.

When your path intersects with someone else, are they richer because of it?
Do you improve their day by having been in it? That should be our goal.

Jesus Christ, though He was RICH, yet for your sakes became POOR, that you through HIS POVERTY might
become RICH. To do what with these riches?



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When a man becomes rich, either God gains a partner or the man loses a soul.

God bestows freedom when He says our wealth doesn't consist in the abundance of things.
It is not a threat but a promise and God stands behind it.

The real measure of how wealthy you are is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your "stuff."

A great delusion is the folly of thinking that the wealthier we can become, the more freedom we will have.

Wealth is like a blazing fire—it can cook and warm or it can burn and destroy
and it all depends on how you choose to hand it off which it will do.

One of the greatest delusions we often fall prey to is the folly of thinking
that the wealthier we become the more freedom we will have.

An investment in the Kingdom is not valued by an INTERNAL rate of return.
It is valued by an ETERNAL rate of return!

Does the end justify the means in investing God resources?

QUOTES FROM OTHERS

We are rich only through what we give and poor only through what we refuse and keep.
Madame Sophie Swetchine

No; let us master this great and simple truth, that all rich materials and productions of this world, being God's property, are intended for God's service; and sin only, nothing but sin, turns them to a different purpose.
John Henry Newman

The trouble is that rich people, well-to-do people, very often don't really know who the poor are; and that is why we can forgive them, for knowledge can only lead to love, and love to service. And so, if they are not touched by them, it's because they do not know them.
Mother Teresa

He who knows he has enough is rich.
Lao Tzu

Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much.
Erich Fromm

It is not riches but men's use of them which is blameless or acceptable to God.
Paulinus of Nola

Blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Accursed then, the rich in spirit for misery of hell is their portion.
St. Francis

There is a burden of care in getting them, fear in keeping them, temptation in using them, guilt in abusing them, sorrow in losing them, and a burden of account, at last, to be given up concerning them.
Great possessions do but make men heavy and unwieldy.
Matthew Henry's Commentary

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It is not the fact that a man has riches which keeps him from the kingdom of heaven, but the fact that riches have him.

G. B. Caird

Where riches hold dominion of the heart, God has lost authority.

John Calvin

Riches enlarge rather than satisfy appetites.

Thomas Fuller

Without a rich heart, wealth is an ugly beggar.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mammon (riches) promises us those things that only God can give: security, significance, identity, independence, power, and freedom.

Stephen M. DeBock

I have made many millions, but they have brought me no happiness.

John D. Rockefeller

Nobody is so poor that he or she has nothing to give, and nobody is so rich that he or she has nothing to receive.

Pope John Paul II

He is the richest man in the esteem of the WORLD who's GOTTEN the most and the richest man in the esteem of HEAVEN who's GIVEN the most.

Joyce Meyer

If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free; if our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed."

John Burke

Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor.

German Proverb

The key to true riches is not to hoard wealth, or to spend it on our pleasures, but to give it away.

Tony Payne

All rich materials/productions of the world, being God's property, are for God's service and only sin turns them to a different purpose.

Newman

The great tragedy in the church is not that rich Christians don't care about the poor but that they do not know the poor.

Shane Claiborne

When the poor meet the rich, riches will have no meaning and when the rich meet the poor, we will see poverty come to an end.

Shane Claiborne

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Earthly goods are given to be used, not to be collected. Hoarding is idolatry.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A wealthy man who obtains his wealth honestly and uses it rightly is a great blessing to the community.
Hubbard Winslow

The deeds of charity we have done shall stay forever with us—that wealth which we have bestowed
we only keep—the other isn't ours.
Middleton

Wealth unused might as well not exist.
Aesop

When the worlds of poverty and wealth collide, the resulting powerful fusion can change the world.
But that collision rarely happens.
Shane Claiborne

If a man is proud of his wealth, he should not be praised until it is known how he employs it.
Socrates

It's okay to have wealth. But keep it in your hands, not in your heart.
S. Truett Cathy

Be charitable before wealth makes thee covetous.
Sir Thomas Browne

I was happier doing a mechanics job.
Henry Ford

Wealth is a responsibility and the sharing of it a way of life.
Peter Haas, Jr.

Why should men leave great fortunes to their children? If this is done from affection,
is it not misguided affection?
Andrew Carnegie

If you count ALL your assets, you always show a profit.
Robert Quillen

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