

RICHES

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Prov 23:5

**Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that
which is not? for riches certainly
make themselves wings; they fly
away as an eagle toward heaven.**

INTRODUCTION:

According to the Bible, there are two types of Riches. The first is the Riches of the world, which can come from Man, the Devil, or God. The second is the Riches of God's Kingdom. Although Riches in themselves may not be evil, we need to be aware of the temptation and covetousness that can befall us when we pursue them. This is because the **love** of money is the root of **all** evil, and it can eventually lead us to error from the Faith.

1 Tim 6:9-10

9 **But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.**

10 **For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

In regards to the Riches of this world, the Bible teaches that we are not to labor to be Rich, because Riches are not everlasting.

Prov 23:4

4 **Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.**

Prov 27:24

24 **For riches are not for ever:...**

The True Riches of this world come from God. Like Solomon, we should be more interested in receiving the Wisdom of God rather than Riches for our own use.

1 Chr 29:12

12 **Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great,...**

2 Chr 1:11-12

11 **And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:**

12 **Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.**

COMMENTARY:

Here is God's Wisdom about what can happen if you set your heart on Riches!

Ps 39:6 (Why heap up Riches when you don't know who will end up with them?)

6 **Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.**

Ps 49:6-7 (Why trust in your Riches since they cannot bring Salvation to anyone?)

6 **They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;**

7 **None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:**

Ps 52:5 (God will destroy those that trust in Riches and gain strength through evil.)

5 **God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living.**

Ps 52:7

7 **Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.**

Ps 62:10 (If you do increase in Riches, do not set your heart on them.)

10 **...if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.**

Ps 73:3 (Do not envy the boastful and ungodly just because they may prosper.)

3 **For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.**

Ps 73:12

12 **Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.**

Prov 11:4 (Riches will not help you in the day of God's wrath, only righteousness.)

4 **Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.**

Prov 11:28 (If you trust in Riches, you will eventually fall.)

28 **He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.**

Prov 13:7 (Making yourself Rich can cause you to have nothing.)

7 **There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.**

Prov 22:16 (If you oppress the poor to increase your Riches, you will become poor.)

16 **He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich, shall surely come to want.**

Ecc 5:10-13 (Riches never satisfy, they cause you to lose sleep and bring you harm.)

10 **He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase:** this is also vanity.

11 **When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes?**

12 **The sleep of a labouring man is sweet,** whether he eat little or much: but **the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.**

13 **There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.**

Jer 17:11 (If you get Riches unjustly, you will lose them in mid life and are a fool.)

11 **As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.**

Matt 13:22 (New believers can get caught up in Riches and soon fall away.)

22 He also that received seed among the thorns is **he that heareth the word;** and the care of this world, **and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.**

Mark 10:23 (Jesus said that it is hard for those with Riches to enter into Heaven.)

23 And **Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!**

Mark 10:25

25 **It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.**

1 Tim 6:17-19 (If you are Rich, do not become arrogant, but serve the living God.)

17 **Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**

18 **That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute (share), willing to communicate (partner with);**

19 **Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.**

The following are things that are far better than Riches.

Ps 37:16 (If you are righteous, a little is better than all the Riches of the ungodly.)

16 **A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.**

Prov 22:1 (A good name (Christian) and loving grace is better than Riches.)

1 **A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.**

Prov 3:13-14 (Happiness comes from finding wisdom & understanding, not Riches.)

13 **Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.**

14 **For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.**

Prov 8:18 (True and lasting Riches are a gift from God.)

18 **Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.**

Ecc 5:19

19 **Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.**

Ps 112:1 (The Fear of the Lord will bring blessings and Riches to your house.)

1 **Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD,...**

Ps 112:3

3 **Wealth and riches shall be in his house:** and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Prov 22:4

4 **By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.**

CONCLUSION:

Instead of being concerned with Riches, we should be satisfied with what we have!

1 Tim 6:6-8

6 **But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

7 **For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.**

8 **And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**

The Good News is that our God will supply all our needs from **His** Riches in glory, and He will forgive us our Sins according to the Riches of **His** Grace.

Phil 4:19

19 **But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

Eph 1:7

7 **In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;**

Amen.

Timothy II