

Be Rich in Faith Not Possessions

Be rich, in worship to God---be rich in faith to God!

Beware of false doctrine. There is a false doctrine spreading through the Unites States, teaching Christians to **seek after wealth**, earthly riches, and possessions. Teaching that it is Jesus Christ's will for Christians to be rich in this world; teaching Christians to believe the more wealth they have the more **Christ like they are.**

This is a snare of the devil!

1 Timothy 6:3-12

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

Godliness is great gain

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.

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.**

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Beware of false teachers-God's warning.*

God's word teaches us that Godliness with contentment is great gain.

You can't buy it.*

The **love** of money is the root of all evil.*

Those seeking riches have **erred from the faith.***

Church, flee this false doctrine of the wealthier you are the more Godly you are; (my bank account is larger, my house is bigger, my car is more expensive, I must be more holier than you.)*

Take Jesus for example.

2 Corinthians 8:9

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became **poor**, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Rich in faith, rich in spiritual blessings, rich in God's anointing.*

Isaiah warns us against this kind of deceiver; decreeing false doctrine.

Isaiah 10:1-2

1 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed;

2 To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!

Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees "false doctrine"*

That they may rob the Christian, the child of God*

They are making merchandise of Jesus, using His wonderful name to make themselves rich*

Robbing the Body of Christ.

Desiring us to strive for worldly riches, so they in turn can rob us of our reward in Christ “To steal our eternal life!”*

These are false Pastors, false prophets, false teachers, deceived themselves by the devil. *Remember the rich young ruler:*

Good master what must I do to inherit Eternal life (Jesus said, keep the commandments)

* (Jesus said) Thou shalt not kill,*

* Thou shalt not commit adultery,*

* Thou shalt not bear false witness,*

* *The rich young ruler said*, Lord these commandments I have kept from my youth up; what lack I still?

*Jesus answered; take all you have and sell it, and give it to the poor, and take up your cross and follow-me!

*The young man's countenance fell, he became depressed for he was very rich-*and he turned away!*

* Then Jesus said, *hardly will a rich man enter into heaven!* When Christ was being delivered to the High Priest-there was a certain young man-with a linen cloth-when Jesus was taken prisoner in the Garden of Gethsemane by the Roman soldiers, there was this certain young man that ran up to Him wrapped in just a linen cloth. He took his cloth off and dropped it at Jesus feet and ran away into the night naked. Could this be that rich young man that rejected Jesus when Jesus said take all that you have and sell and give it to the poor?

A rich man puts his faith in his money: Hear me Church! A rich man puts his faith in his money!!! *But a poor man puts his faith in God!* Praise the Lord!!!

James 2:5-7

5 Harken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

Matthew 6:19-34

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

He exhorts us not to be concerned about worldly things

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

***Believe Jesus Christ's teachings**

***Do not believe man's false doctrines-doctrines of devils**

***You can not serve God and money**

***Take no thought of tomorrow**

***Let thy eye be single, not double vision, not two directions, but one, direction (Verse 22)**

***Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life,**

***For wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be that enter there at**

***For strait is the gate and narrow the way that leadeth to life; and few there be that find it!**

Church Be Rich in Faith Toward God!!!!

***Therefore I say-take no thought for your life**

***Your Heavenly Father knows you need food, clothing, and shelter**

***But seek you first the Kingdom of God**

***Oh ye of little faith! Be rich in faith to God! Trusting God to provide food and clothing!**

Church-let not the devil deceive you through worldly riches-earthly gain. Jesus is our example on this earth. He said birds have nests, and foxes have holes, but the son of man doesn't even have a pillow to lay his head on!

Be Rich in Faith!!! And you will bless God!!!!